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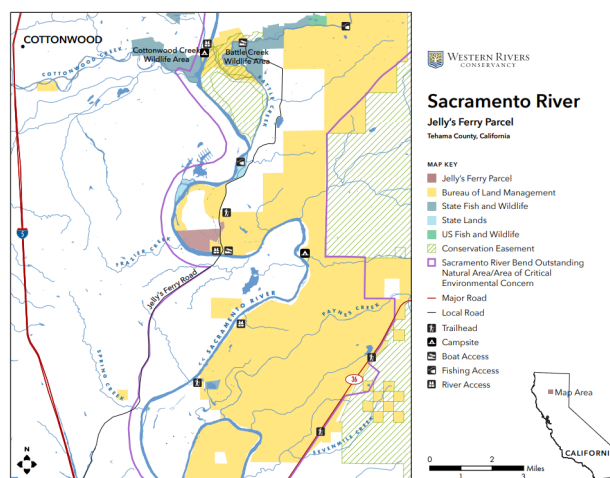
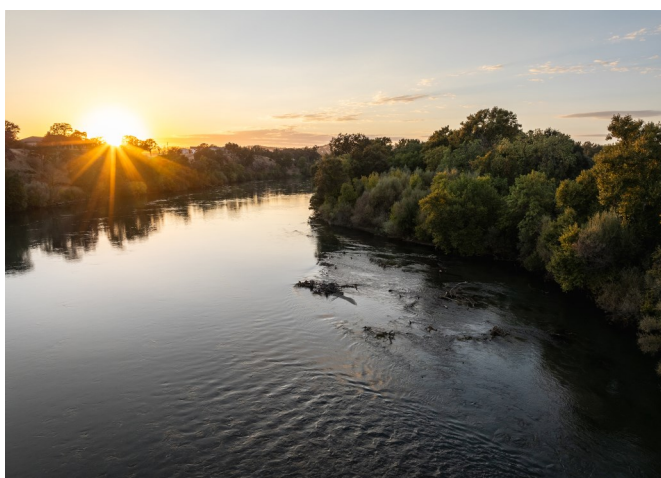
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California's Sacramento River: A special stretch of California's largest river protected and open to all

In Northern California, WRC successfully conserved nearly a mile of the Sacramento, protecting precious stands of cottonwoods, valley oaks and sycamores—forests like those of centuries past that are now rare along the river. The project was a partnership with the Bureau of Land Management, which now stewards the 288-acre Jelly's Ferry property that WRC conveyed to the agency in December 2024. The property sits between the towns of Redding and Red Bluff, just upstream from the Jelly's Ferry Bridge. Conservation of the Jelly's Ferry parcel will allow the BLM to restore riparian and side-channel habitats that to benefit imperiled fish, and Western monarch butterflies, which rely on the abundant milkweed found on the property, will also benefit from our efforts. Under BLM management, the new recreational access to this stretch of the river will be opened, which is part of a larger area that is extremely popular among anglers, equestrians, hunters, hikers, boaters and others.

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Colorado's Michigan Creek: Another Win for Habitat and Public Access in South Park

On Colorado's Front Range, just upstream from Tarryall Reservoir in South Park, WRC protected a superb stretch of Michigan Creek, a principal tributary of Tarryall Creek and the South Platte River. This is our second project in the South Platte Basin, where in March 2024 we conserved five miles of Tarryall Creek by creating the Collard Ranch State Wildlife Area with Colorado Parks and Wildlife. The 120-acre property we conserved lies along a quarter mile of Michigan Creek on a stretch defined by dramatic outcroppings of granite that tower over the winding stream. The property was donated to WRC in 2023 by a lifelong conservationist who wanted to see this special place protected. In late 2024, we placed a conservation easement on the property with Colorado Open Lands and conveyed the lands to CPW. Combined with our efforts at Collard Ranch, WRC has now created more than five miles of recreational access on two key tributaries to the South Platte, and protected 1,980 acres of prime habitat for Rocky Mountain elk, mule deer, pronghorn and other wildlife.

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