



WESTERN RIVERS CONSERVANCY

www.westernrivers.org

Global Giving
Project Report Photos
July 2012

Gunnison River: *Conserving 400 acres on a great Colorado stream*

One of the great tributaries to the Colorado River, and the second largest river in Colorado, the Gunnison sweeps past rocky bluffs, desert slopes and riparian thickets of cottonwood. This is one of the few places where four species of Colorado Basin warm-water fish still survive: Colorado pikeminnow, humpback chub, bonytail chub and razorback sucker. In June 2012, Western Rivers Conservancy successfully conveyed 400 acres along Colorado's Gunnison River to the Bureau of Land Management, permanently protecting a property that was threatened by gravel mining and expanding the Dominguez-Escalante National Conservation Area.

Rick Duran Photo



Deer Creek: *Protecting a vital fish and wildlife habitat corridor in northern California's Sierra Nevada*

In the northern Sierra Nevada foothills, Deer Creek winds through more than 50 miles of chaparral, blue oak groves and grassy hills. A haven for fish and wildlife, it is significant for its dam-free length, undeveloped stretches and breathtaking scenery. Deer Creek is also one of the precious few rivers that hold hope for restoring the Sacramento River's endangered salmon and steelhead runs. In March 2012, Western Rivers Conservancy (WRC) conveyed 600 acres along Deer Creek to the Northern California Regional Land Trust, permanently protecting the spectacular Lower Deer Creek Falls and completing a continuous fish and wildlife habitat corridor between the Lassen National Forest and the Ishi Wilderness Area.

Cindy Diaz Photo

