Wild and Scenic Rivers (CEST and EA)

General requirements	Legislation	Regulation
The Wild and Scenic Rivers Act provides federal protection for certain free-flowing, wild, scenic and recreational rivers designated as components or potential components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System (NWSRS) from the effects of construction or development.	The Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16 U.S.C. 1271-1287), particularly section 7(b) and (c) (16 U.S.C. 1278(b) and (c))	36 CFR Part 297
References		
https://www.hudexchange.info/environmental-review/wild-and-scenic-rivers		

1. **Is your project within proximity of a NWSRS river as defined below?**
   Wild & Scenic Rivers: These rivers or river segments have been designated by Congress or by states (with the concurrence of the Secretary of the Interior) as wild, scenic, or recreational
   Study Rivers: These rivers or river segments are being studied as a potential component of the Wild & Scenic River system.
   Nationwide Rivers Inventory (NRI): The National Park Service has compiled and maintains the NRI, a register of river segments that potentially qualify as national wild, scenic, or recreational river areas

   ☒ No
   → *Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below. Provide documentation used to make your determination, such as a map identifying the project site and its surrounding area or a list of rivers in your region in the Screen Summary at the conclusion of this screen.*

   ☐ Yes, the project is in proximity of a Nationwide Rivers Inventory (NRI) River.
   → *Continue to Question 2.*

2. **Could the project do *any* of the following?**
   - Have a direct and adverse effect within Wild and Scenic River Boundaries,
   - Invade the area or unreasonably diminish the river outside Wild and Scenic River Boundaries, or
   - Have an adverse effect on the natural, cultural, and/or recreational values of a NRI segment.

Consultation with the appropriate federal/state/local/tribal Managing Agency(s) is required, pursuant to Section 7 of the Act, to determine if the proposed project may have an adverse effect on a Wild & Scenic River or a Study River and, if so, to determine the appropriate avoidance or mitigation measures.

Note: Concurrence may be assumed if the Managing Agency does not respond within 30 days; however, you are still obligated to avoid or mitigate adverse effects on the rivers identified in the NWSRS

☐ No, the Managing Agency has concurred that the proposed project will not alter, directly, or indirectly, any of the characteristics that qualifies or potentially qualifies the river for inclusion in the NWSRS.

→ *Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below. Provide documentation of the consultation (including the Managing Agency's concurrence) and any other documentation used to make your determination.*

☐ Yes, the Managing Agency was consulted and the proposed project may alter, directly, or indirectly, any of the characteristics that qualifies or potentially qualifies the river for inclusion in the NWSRS.

→ *Continue to Question 3.*

3. For the project to be brought into compliance with this section, all adverse impacts must be mitigated. Explain in detail the proposed measures that must be implemented to mitigate for the impact or effect, including the timeline for implementation.

→ *Continue to the Worksheet Summary below. Provide documentation of the consultation (including the Managing Agency's concurrence) and any other documentation used to make your determination.*

Worksheet Summary

Compliance Determination

Provide a clear description of your determination and a synopsis of the information that it was based on, such as:

- Map panel numbers and dates
- Names of all consulted parties and relevant consultation dates
- Names of plans or reports and relevant page numbers
- Any additional requirements specific to your region

National Wild and Scenic Rivers System
National Park Service – Nationwide Rivers Inventory

There are no Wild and Scenic Rivers listed on the National Park Service for Lincoln, Nebraska, nor are there any on the Nationwide Rivers Inventory. The project is in compliance with the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act.

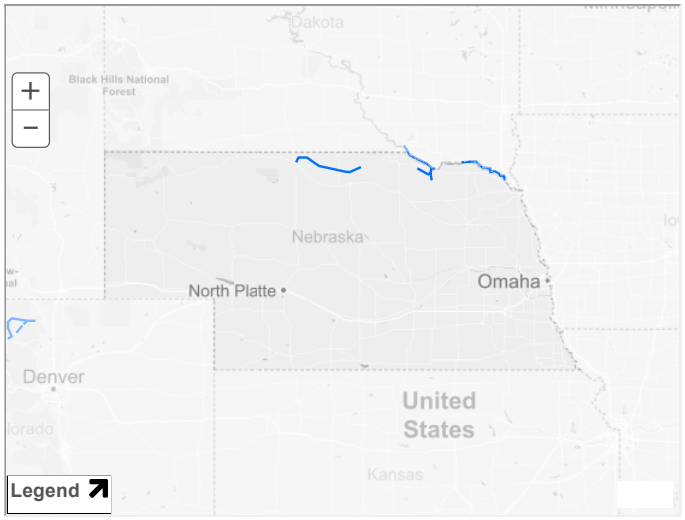
Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?

☐ Yes

☒ No

NEBRASKA

Nebraska has approximately 79,056 miles of river, of which 197 miles are designated as wild & scenic—approximately 2/10ths of 1% of the state's river miles.



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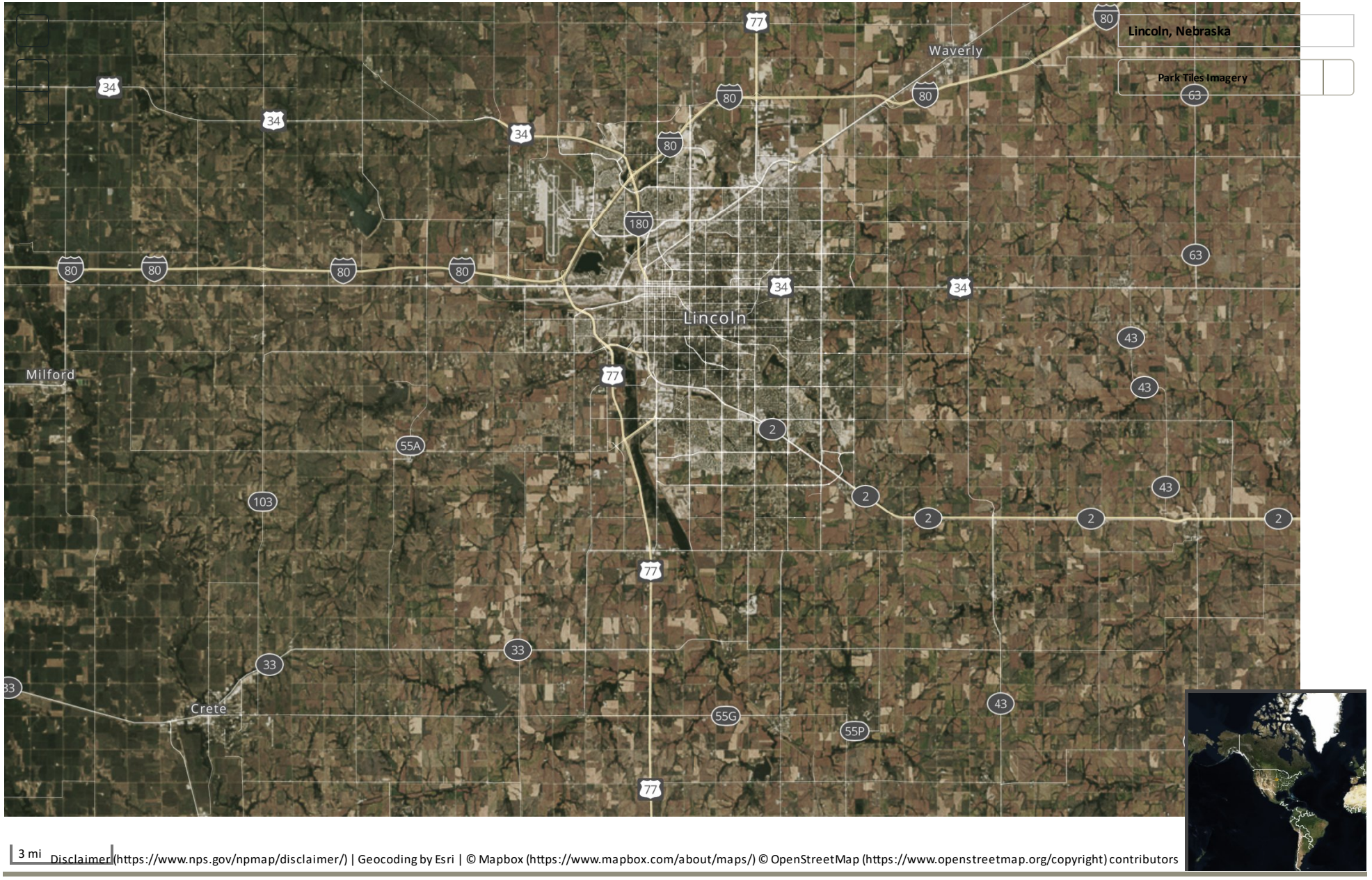
Nourished by the fertile soils of the region, rivers of the Midwest explode with life, from great avian migrations to ancient fishes.

Missouri River
Niobrara River

Nationwide Rivers Inventory

National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior

This is a listing of more than 3,200 free-flowing river segments in the U.S. that are believed to possess one or more "outstandingly remarkable" valu...



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