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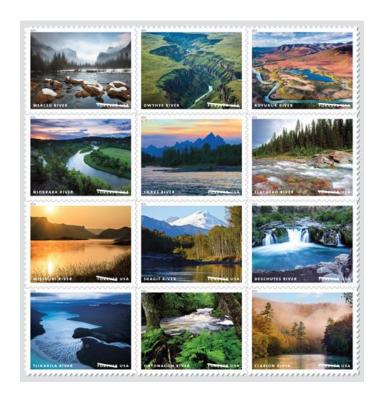
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Spotlighting the Natural Beauty of America's Wild and Scenic Rivers

What: The U.S. Postal Service issues Wild and Scenic Rivers, stamps that pay tribute

to the exceptional streams that run freely through America's natural landscapes. This pane honors the rivers' beauty with a dozen Forever stamps, each showcasing a different segment of the Wild and Scenic River System.

The first-day-of-issue event for the Wild and Scenic Rivers Commemorative Forever stamps is free and open to the public. News of the stamp is being shared with the hashtag #WildScenicRiversStamps and #WildRiverStamps.

Who: Joe Corbett, chief financial officer and executive vice president, U.S. Postal

Service

When: Tuesday, May 21, 2019, at 11 a.m. PT

Where: Tumalo State Park

64170 O.B. Riley Road

Bend, OR 97701

Parking: Admission is free with ample parking at the event.

RSVP: Dedication ceremony attendees are encouraged to RSVP at <u>usps.com/wildrivers</u>.

Background: America's wild and scenic rivers are those deemed remarkable for values

including fish and wildlife, geology, recreation and cultural or historical significance. These special streams are allowed to flow freely through natural

settings without man-made alterations.

The Wild and Scenic Rivers Act categorizes designated segments as either wild, scenic or recreational. Wild rivers are undammed, unpolluted and generally accessible only by trail. Scenic rivers may be "accessible in places by roads." Recreational river areas are "readily accessible by road or railroad," may have some shoreline development and may have been dammed in the past. Designations often result from grassroots action by local citizens.

The Wild and Scenic Rivers system provides clean water, places of beauty and sanctuary and habitats for native wildlife.

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