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Hi Greg,

The National Park Service (NPS) - Interior Region 1 Office has reviewed your scoping letter for the F.E. Walter Re-Evaluation Study. We have reviewed your study area map and found that NPS resources are found within your study area. The resources of concern for NPS include the Lower Delaware National Wild And Scenic River (LODE) and the Lehigh River.

The LODE is the National Wild and Scenic River System segment established by Congress on November 1, 2000 as Public Law 106-418 and includes 38.9 miles of the Delaware River which forms the Pennsylvania and New Jersey border, plus named tributaries. The applicable section reads as follows:

“(161) LOWER DELAWARE RIVER AND ASSOCIATED TRIBUTARIES, NEW JERSEY AND PENNSYLVANIA.—(A) The 65.6 miles of river segments in New Jersey and Pennsylvania, consisting of— “(i) the segment from river mile 193.8 to the northern border of the city of Easton, Pennsylvania (approximately 10.5 miles), as a recreational river; “(ii) the segment from a point just south of the Gilbert Generating Station to a point just north of the Point Pleasant Pumping Station (approximately 14.2 miles), as a recreational river; “(iii) the segment from the point just south of the Point Pleasant Pumping Station to a point 1,000 feet north of the Route 202 bridge (approximately 6.3 miles), as a recreational river; “(iv) the segment from a point 1,750 feet south of the Route 202 bridge to the southern border of the town of New Hope, Pennsylvania (approximately 1.9 miles), as a recreational river; “(v) the segment from the southern boundary of the town of New Hope, Pennsylvania, to the town of Washington Crossing, Pennsylvania (approximately 6 miles), as a recreational river; “(vi) Tincum Creek (approximately 14.7 miles), as a scenic river; “(vii) Tohickon Creek from the Lake Nockamixon Dam to the Delaware River (approximately 10.7 miles), as a scenic river; and “(viii) Paunacussing Creek in Solebury Township (approximately 3 miles), as a recreational river. “(B) ADMINISTRATION.—The river segments referred to in subparagraph (A) shall be administered by the Secretary of the Interior.”

More information on the LODE can be found at:

<https://www.nps.gov/lode/index.htm>

Delaware River Basin National Wild and Scenic River Values (September 2012)

[https://www.nps.gov/upde/learn/management/upload/Delaware-River-Basin\\_WSR-Values\\_Publication\\_Screen-Version\\_09-27-2012-rotated-full-screen-mode.pdf](https://www.nps.gov/upde/learn/management/upload/Delaware-River-Basin_WSR-Values_Publication_Screen-Version_09-27-2012-rotated-full-screen-mode.pdf)

In addition to the LODE, 23 miles of the Lehigh River are included on the Nationwide Rivers Inventory (NRI) and are an NPS interest. The NRI is a listing of more than 3,200 free-flowing river segments in the United States that are believed to possess one or more "outstandingly remarkable" natural or cultural values judged to be at least regionally significant. Hence, NRI river segments are potential candidates for inclusion in the National Wild and Scenic River System. Under the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act section 5(d)(1) and related guidance, all federal agencies must seek to avoid or mitigate actions that would adversely affect NRI river segments. The NPS provides instructions on the process of consulting on projects potentially affecting NRI segments (please see the link below):

<https://www.nps.gov/subjects/rivers/consultation-instructions.htm>

Also, below is the NRI listing description for the Lehigh River:

**Description:** Recreation-One of the most highly used whitewater runs in the mid-Atlantic region of the northeast United States. Segment includes a diversity of gradients including Class 3-5 rapids. Geologic-Segment includes the Lehigh River Gorge with side walls of approximately 500 feet in height. Within the corridor is Glen Onoko a steep walled canyon of uncut timber and spectacular waterfalls.

**Reach:** Lehigh Tannery to Jim Thorpe

**River Miles:** 23

**Outstandingly Remarkable Value:** Geologic, Recreational

Thank you for coordinating with the National Park Service on this matter and please keep us informed for future correspondence on this study.

Thanks,  
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