

WILD AND SCENIC RIVER ENFORCEMENT

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The amended Wild and Scenic Rivers Act contains enforcement measures specific to the special treatment areas (PRC Section 5093.68), including stop orders, misdemeanor penalties of \$500 to \$5,000, and civil damages up to \$10,000. The stop-order procedure will be the same as that described in [Section 5511](#). A misdemeanor will be handled as described in [Section 5501](#), except that a larger fine will be requested upon conviction. A minimum fine of \$500 should be requested for each conviction. Civil damages are a new concept in dealing with forest practice violations. Whenever a wild and scenic river violation occurs that appears to warrant assessment of civil damages, the Director's forest practice staff will be notified immediately.

These special enforcement measures clearly signify that the Legislature intends violations affecting wild and scenic rivers to receive prompt and vigorous enforcement action. To remain consistent with this intent, it may be necessary to use enforcement tools in addition to those described above. A Notice of Intent to Take Corrective Action will be considered in situations where corrective work for violations within wild and scenic river special treatment areas is not completed in a timely manner due to judicial proceedings.

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