

**[NT-O-2]** Provide for the ever-increasing outdoor recreation needs of an expanding population, promoting the preservation of, public access to, travel within, and enjoyment of the outdoor areas through the support of National Recreation Trails.

### *Decisions*

**[NT-D-1]** Acknowledge the BLM Ridgecrest Field Office managing role on the PCNST Dove Springs and Cache Peak segments where the trail crosses in the Decision Area. Support management on these segments of the trail in accordance with the management prescriptions in effect for the trail on adjacent lands within the California Desert District.

**[NT-D-2]** Establish a 0.25-mile wide corridor along the PCNST (Owens Peak segment) to apply specific management incorporating and amended by the comprehensive PCNST Management Plan (Pacific Crest Trail Management Options Plan, BLM 1980), as follows:

- (a) Close to fluid mineral and geothermal leasing;
- (b) Close to the mineral material disposal;
- (c) Designate as VRM Class I;
- (d) Identify the corridor as a ROW exclusion area; and
- (e) Identify the corridor as lands to be retained.

**[NT-D-3]** Continue designation and management of the Wu Ki' Oh Trail (formerly named the Squaw Leap Trail) as a National Recreation Trail.

**[NT-D-4]** Recommend for designation the San Joaquin River Trail as a National Recreation Trail in coordination with other affected entities.

## **2.21 Wild and Scenic Rivers**

The suitability evaluation for each eligible river segment can be found in the Wild and Scenic River Suitability Report for Bakersfield Field Office, California (Draft RMP/Draft EIS, Appendix J).

### *Goal*

**[WSR-G-1]** River segments suitable for inclusion in the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System (NWSRS) would be free-flowing in nature, meet water quality standards, and continue to possess outstandingly remarkable values (ORVs) that make them eligible.

### *Objectives*

**[WSR-O-1]** Determine suitable river segments for inclusion in the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System (NWSRS). Manage those suitable river segments so to maintain their free-flowing nature, water quality, ORVs, and tentative classification, pending congressional action or for the duration of the RMP.

*Decisions*

**[WSR-D-1]** Determine as suitable and recommended for congressional designation in the NWSRS for the classifications identified:

**Table 2.20**  
**Suitable Wild and Scenic River Summary**

| River Segment                  | Classification    | Outstandingly Remarkable Value(s) | Mileage | Map      |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------|---------|----------|
| Lower Kern River               | Recreational      | Recreational, Wildlife, Historic  | 3.2     | Map 2.55 |
| Chimney Creek                  | Wild/Recreational | Scenic, Wildlife, Botanical       | 15.5    | Map 2.56 |
| North Fork of the Kaweah River | Scenic            | Wildlife, Cultural, Visual        | 2.5     | Map 2.57 |
| San Joaquin River Segment 1    | Wild/Scenic       | Scenic, Cultural                  | 8.0     | Map 2.58 |

**[WSR-D-2]** Establish a corridor extending 0.25 miles from each edge suitable river segment, in which the following interim protective management guidelines would apply:

- (a) Approve no actions altering the free-flowing nature of the suitable segment through impoundments, diversions, channeling, or riprapping;
- (b) Approve no actions that would measurably diminish the stream segment's identified outstandingly remarkable value(s); and
- (c) Approve no actions that would modify the setting or level of development of the suitable river segment to a degree that would change its identified classification.