

Go North Alliance April 2024 Newsletter: Blackwater River Endangered!

## **Breaking News!**

*The Blackwater River was just listed by American Rivers as one of America's Most Endangered Rivers® of 2024. American Rivers cited the threat of the currently State-preferred (but not yet adopted) southern route for Corridor H, that would cross all of the Blackwater's headwater streams and potentially unearth acid mine drainage as a threat to the beloved river. ([View the full announcement.](#))*

## **YOU CAN TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT THE BLACKWATER RIVER**

With this [designation by American Rivers](#), we have a renewed opportunity to tell the Federal Highway Administration that the R-ROPA (southern route) would forever adversely impact the Blackwater River as we know and love it, the natural areas it flows through, and the thriving communities of Davis and Thomas. Join your voice with others to let the Federal Highway Administration know that this matters.

## **Commenting is quick and easy. Please help!**

Fill out and [send an Action Alert](#) to the Federal Highway Administration

**-or-**

Mail a letter to: Office of Public Engagement  
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington DC 20590 USA

## **WATCH: [THE BLACKWATER RIVER | A SPECIAL PLACE](#)**

Frank Gebhard, project coordinator for Friends of Blackwater, filmed this mini documentary to shed light on the beauty of the Blackwater River Watershed and explain some of the many threats from the potential route of a four-lane highway the WVDOH wants to build. Please watch and share!

## **A Round-up of news coverage on this important designation:**

[WV's Blackwater River among most endangered in America \(WBOY\)](#)

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[Blackwater River included on American's Most Endangered Rivers list for 2024 \(WV Metro News\)](#)

[WATCH: Blackwater River 'Endangered' by Corridor H Construction \(WDTV\)](#)

[Environmental Group Says Blackwater River "Endangered," Citing Corridor H \(Country Roads News\)](#)