



INTRODUCTION

The Natural River Act (Part 305, P.A. 451 of 1994) authorizes the Natural Resources Commission to establish a system of “natural rivers” in the state to provide for their preservation, protection and enhancement. Section 30502 of the Natural River Act states, in part, that: “The commission, in the interest of the people of the state and future generations, may designate a river or portion thereof, as a natural river area for the purpose of preserving and enhancing its values for water conservation, its free flowing condition and its fish, wildlife, boating, aesthetic, floodplain, ecologic, historic and recreational values and uses.”

Most of the Rifle River possesses the necessary outstanding natural characteristics to be included in Michigan’s natural river system. The swift moving stream is one of the fastest in the Lower Peninsula, and the many miles of scenic beauty and quality trout fishery make this river extremely popular.

WATERSHED LOCATION



Local Governmental Units



