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Dear Mr. Fosburgh and Ms. Wallace:

I am writing to express New Hampshire Audubon's support for designation of the Nashua, Squannacook, and Nissitissit rivers as Wild and Scenic Rivers. NH Audubon is a statewide non-governmental organization dedicated to protecting New Hampshire's environment for wildlife and for people.

We applaud the residents of Brookline and Hollis, who have shown their support of this designation through affirmative votes at recent town meetings. The Nissitissit River is one of the few remaining unspoiled, unpolluted wild rivers along the Massachusetts border, and the New Hampshire Wildlife Action Plan identifies much of its length in this State as Highest Ranked Habitat in New Hampshire. Its riparian corridor is largely protected and thus serves as an important travel corridor for wildlife in a largely developed landscape.

We encourage Congress to act swiftly to enact legislation to add these rivers to the roster of Partnership Wild and Scenic Rivers in New England. We look forward to seeing implementation of the voluntary recommendations in the Stewardship Plan.

Sincerely,

Douglas Bechtel  
President