

# No Minimum Size or Length





# Wild and Scenic Eligibility





# “Eligible” Streams Must Be:

1. Free-flowing
2. Possess one or more “Outstandingly Remarkable Values” (ORVs), in combination with its adjacent land area





# Eligible Rivers Receive Administrative Protections

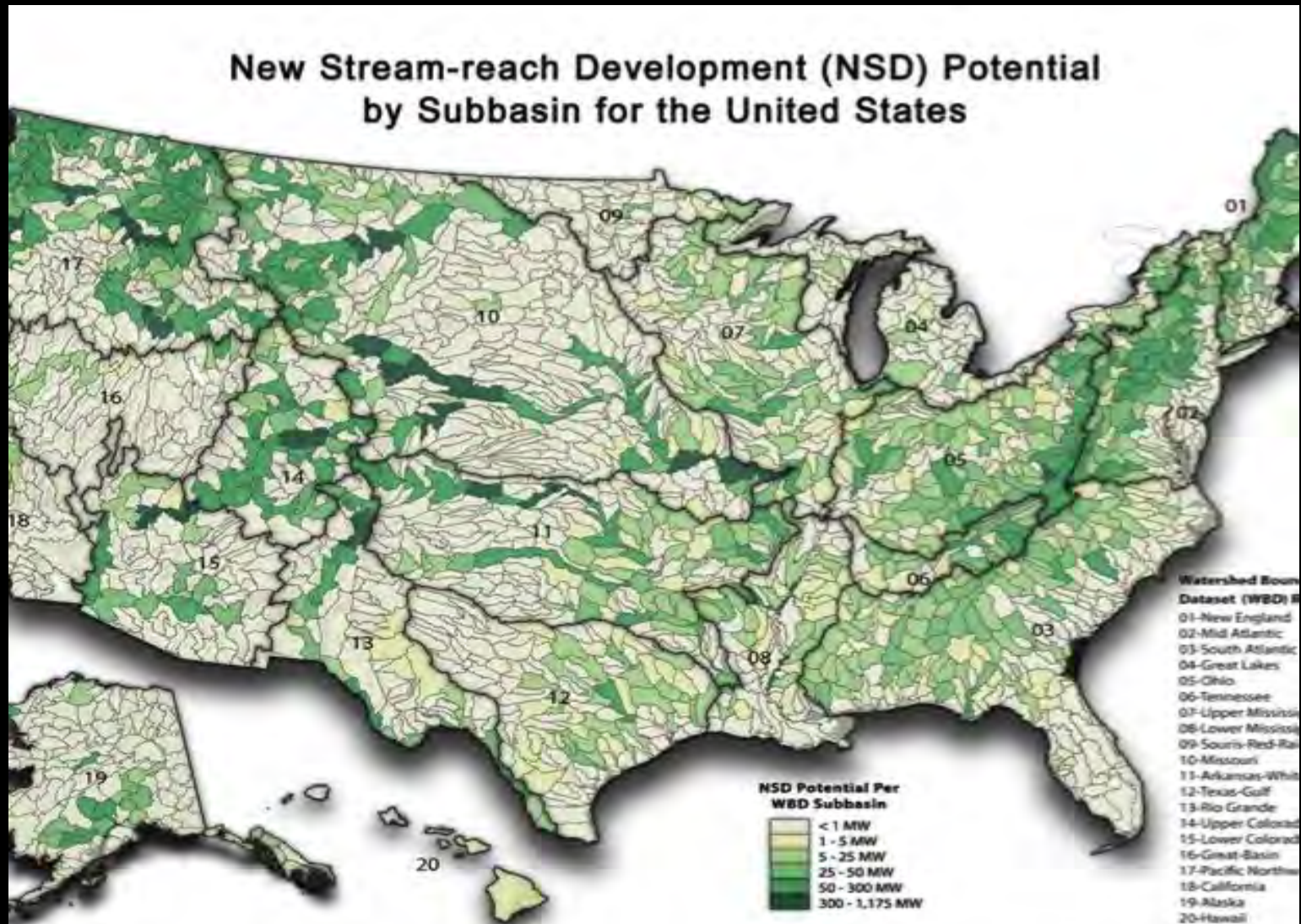








# Threats: New Dams and Hydropower



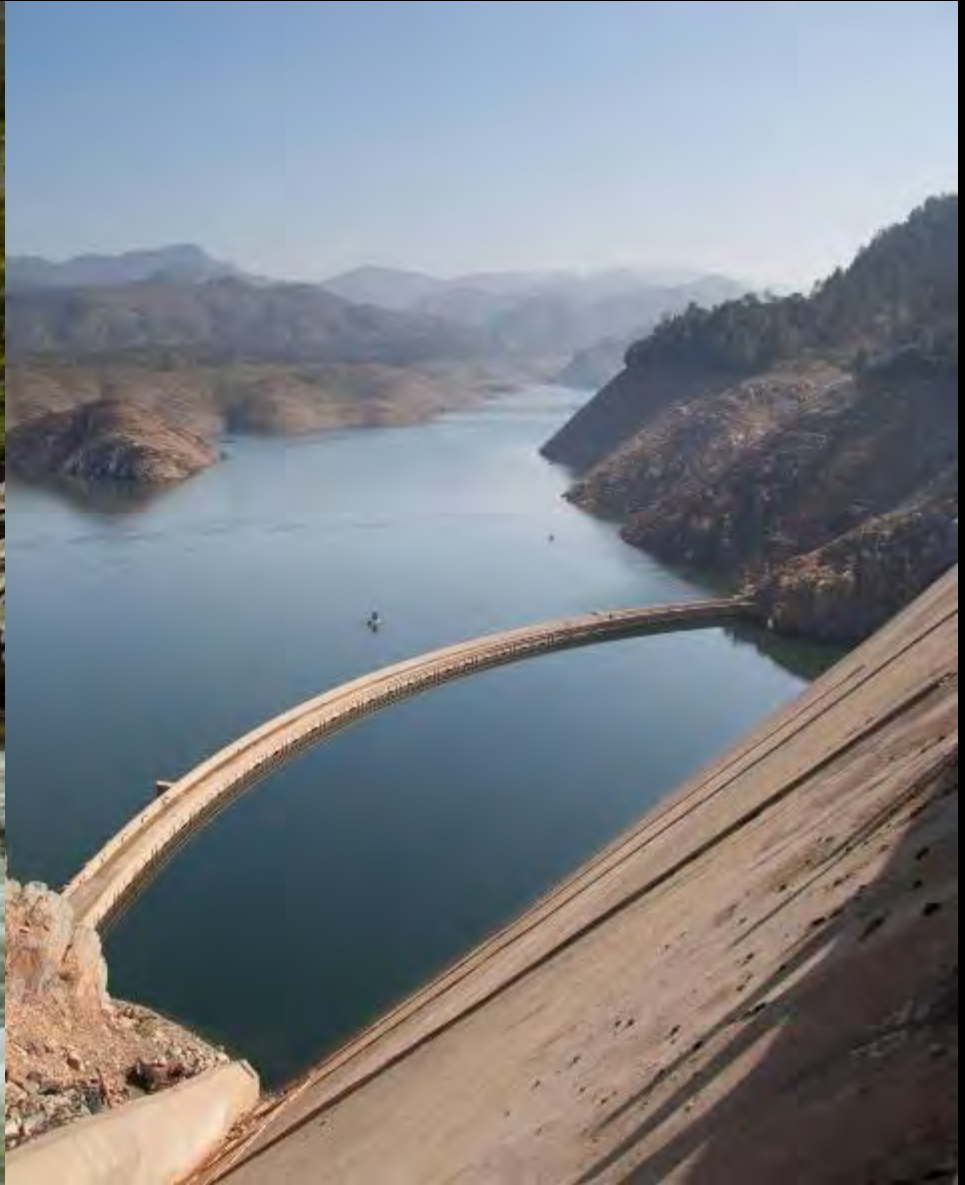
1. Potential new hydropower capacity in the United States (higher-energy-density stream-reaches with > 50 MW per reach, aggregated to HUC08 subbasins for illustration).



# Threats: Public Lands Initiatives



# Threats: De-designation, Merced River, CA





# Threats: Floods, Droughts, Over-allocation and Dewatering





# Proposed Dam Site: East Rosebud Creek, MT





# Proposed Dam Site: Upper Green River





# Proposed Dam Site: Teton Canyon, ID





# Proposed dam site: Bear River, ID



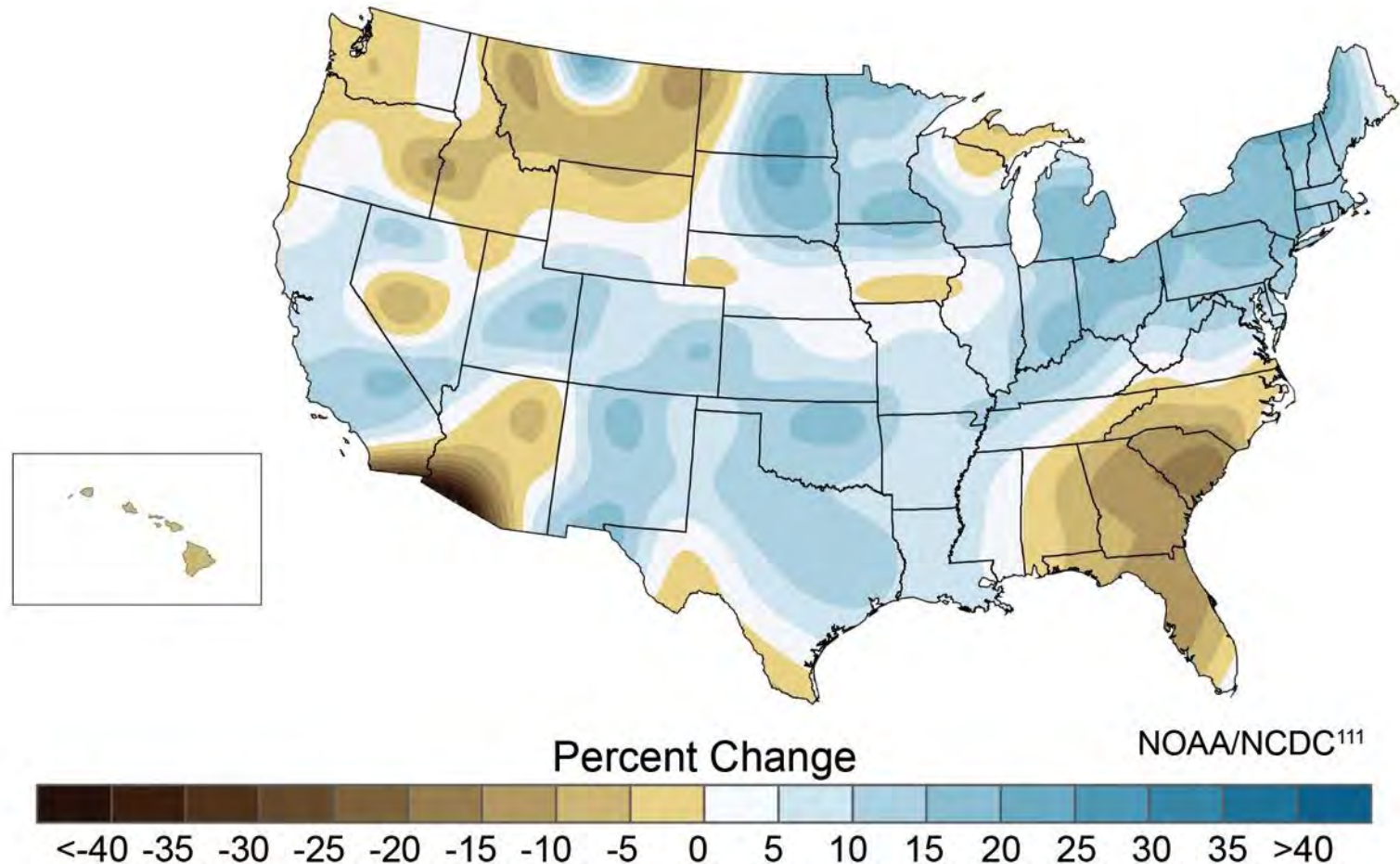




# Proposed Dam Site: Susitna River, AK



# Protected Rivers: Key Components in a Climate Adaptation Strategy



While U.S. annual average precipitation has increased about 5 percent over the past 50 years, there have been important regional differences as shown above.



# Montanans for Healthy Rivers





## Rivers Proposed for Wild and Scenic Designation in Montana

Mouse over a river for its name; click on a river for more information and a photo. For a complete list of rivers in table format, please click [HERE](#)

An AN story



# Montana Wild and Scenic Proposal

Montanans for Healthy Rivers is a coalition of citizens, sportsmen, businesses and conservationists working to conserve the last, best free-flowing rivers in western Montana – to keep Montana the way it is for future generations. We have spent the past 5 years developing this proposal to designate roughly 50 new Wild and Scenic Rivers and streams in the state (blue on the map) as a compliment to the 4 current Wild and Scenic Rivers (purple). We encourage you to explore the proposal, [let us know what you think](#), and to [endorse our proposal](#) on behalf of yourself or your business.

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## Give Us Your Feedback

The Citizens' Proposal needs your input in order to be successful. Please share your thoughts (general and specific) in the comment box below:

Fields marked with an \* are required



# Support for River Protection: Montana's Economy

- **MT's Services Industries**
  - account for 67% of MT's economy, and growing, in part due to MT's natural amenities
- **MT's Outdoor Recreation Economy**
  - \$5.8 Billion & 64,000 jobs
- **MT's Agriculture Economy**
  - \$4.6 Billion & 40,000 jobs

From the Headwaters Economics (1 & 2), Outdoor Industry Association &  
MT Dept. of Agriculture





# Montana Voter Support for River Protection

*Key Findings from a Statewide Voter Survey Conducted February 20-23, 2014*

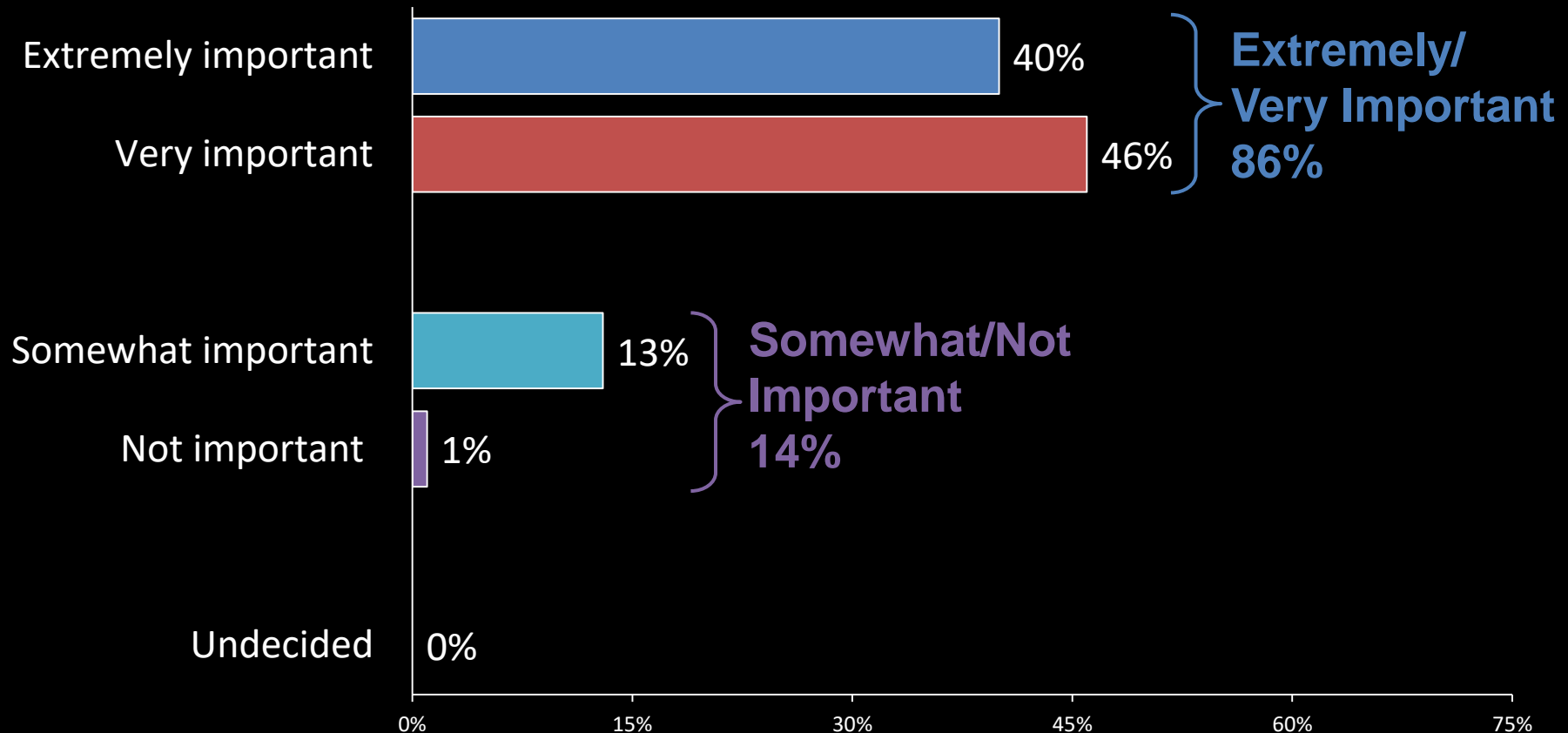
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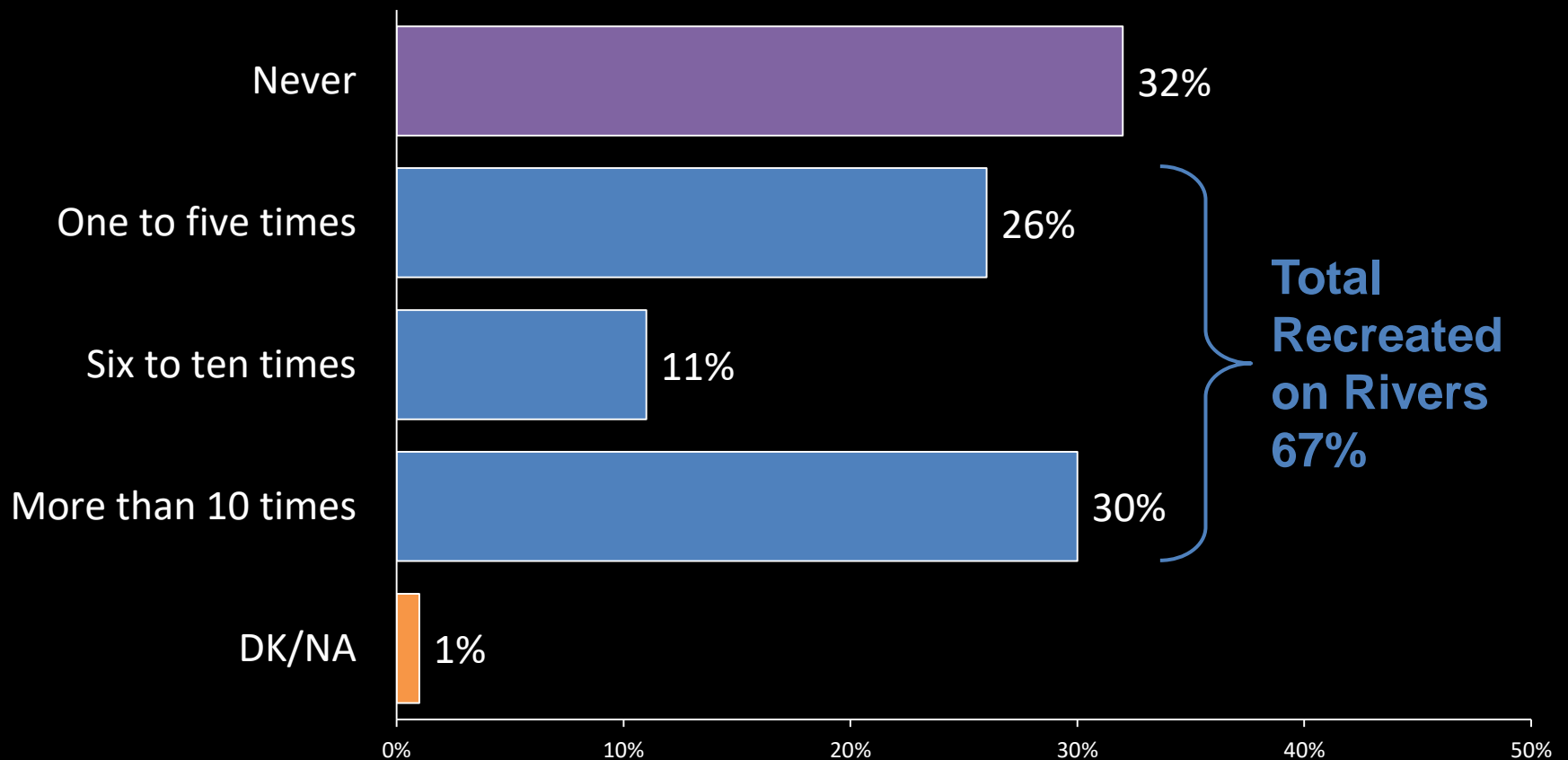
# Most see rivers as highly important to Montana's economy and way of life

*And how important do you think clean and healthy rivers are to Montana's economy and way of life?*





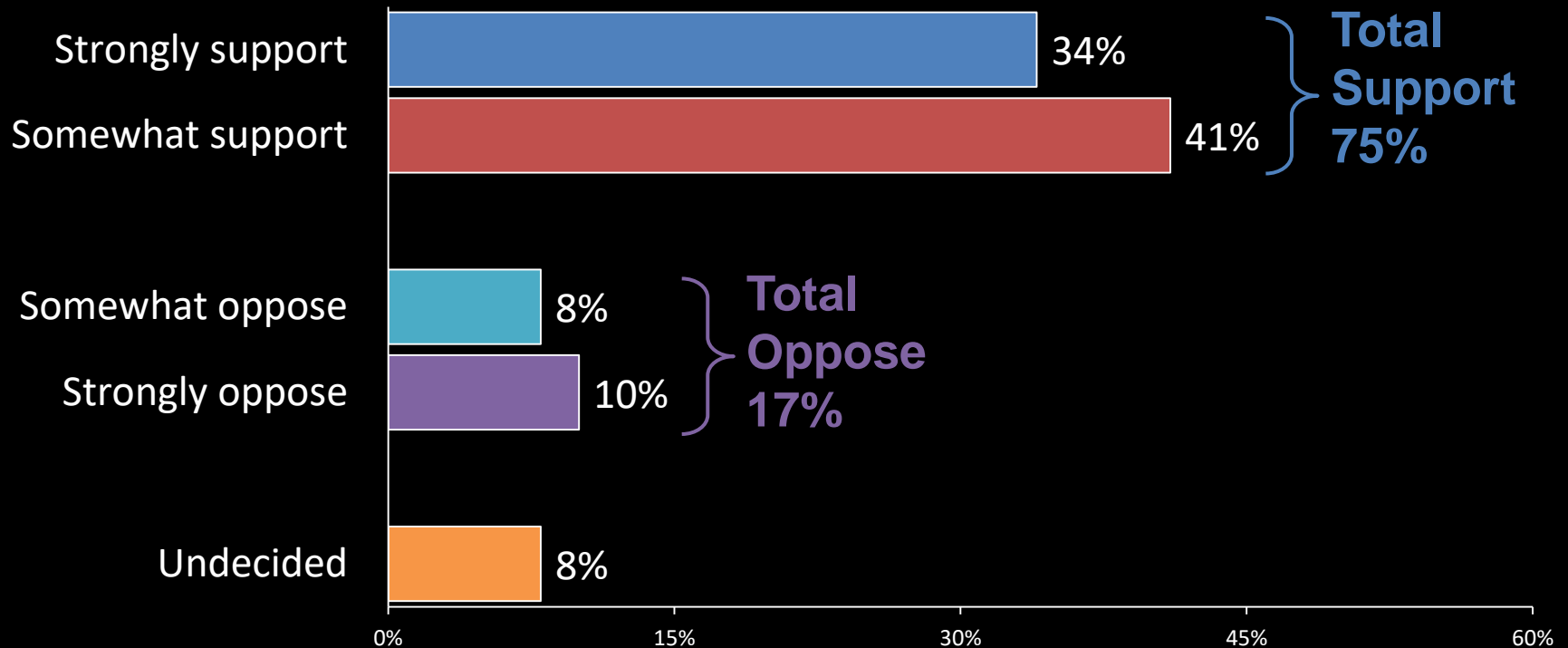
# Most Montanans have enjoyed recreational activities on Montana rivers at least once in the past year.





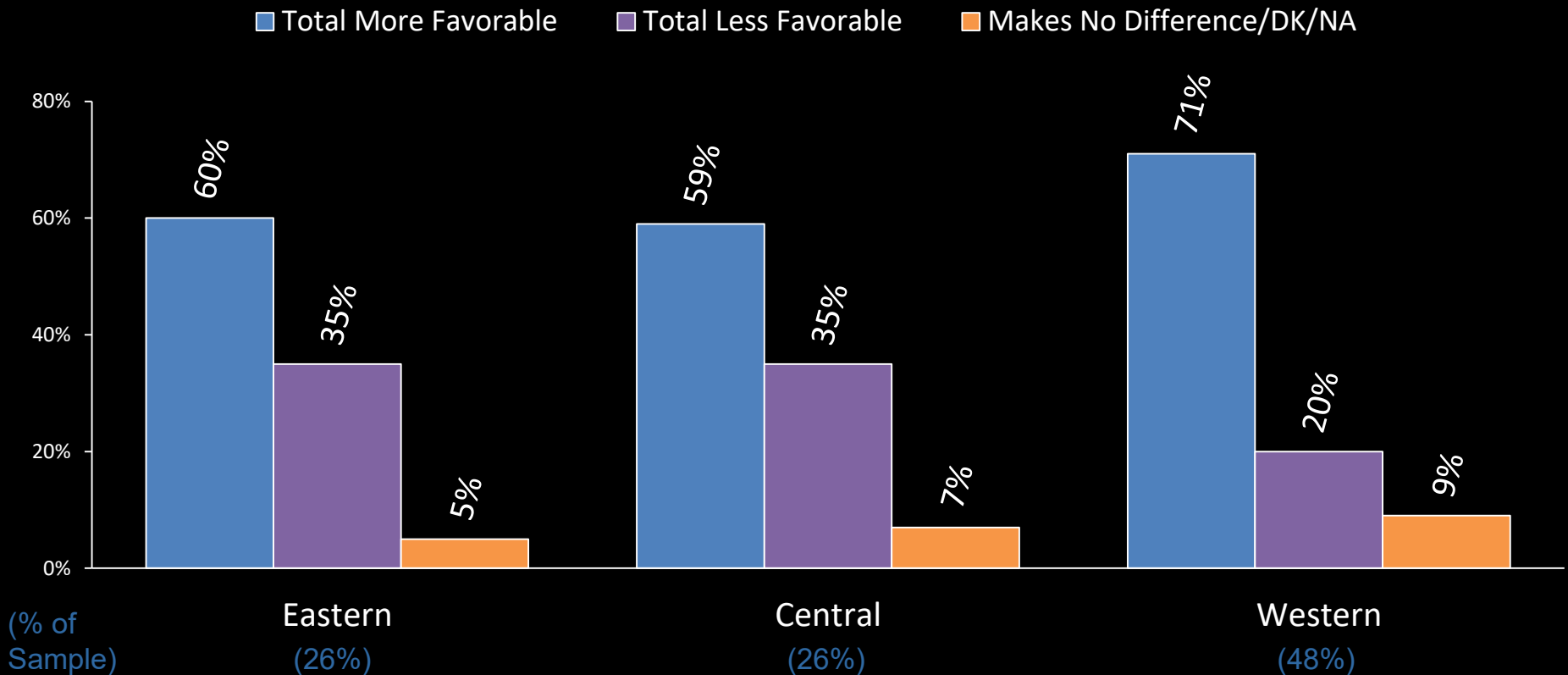
# Three-quarters of Montana voters support the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act

*Congress has the power to protect special rivers under the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act. The Act prevents new dams, water pollution, and other activities that would harm a river's special values, without affecting private property rights. It has been used to protect two rivers in Montana, the Upper Missouri and Upper Forks of the Flathead. In general, do you support or oppose the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act?*





# Seven in ten western Montanans have a more favorable view of an official who backs more Wild and Scenic Rivers.

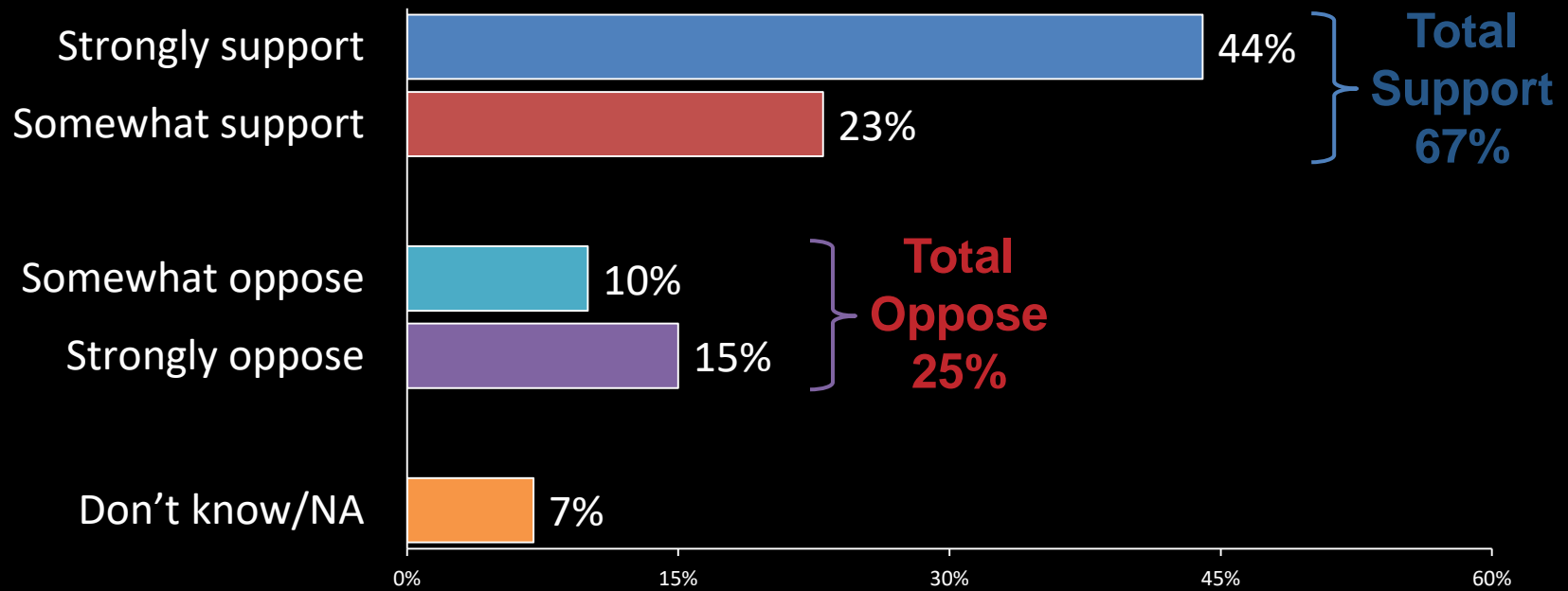


Q16. Greater Yellowstone & American Rivers: Generally speaking, would you view an elected official who supports new Wild and Scenic designations for rivers flowing across Montana's federal public lands more favorably, or less favorably?



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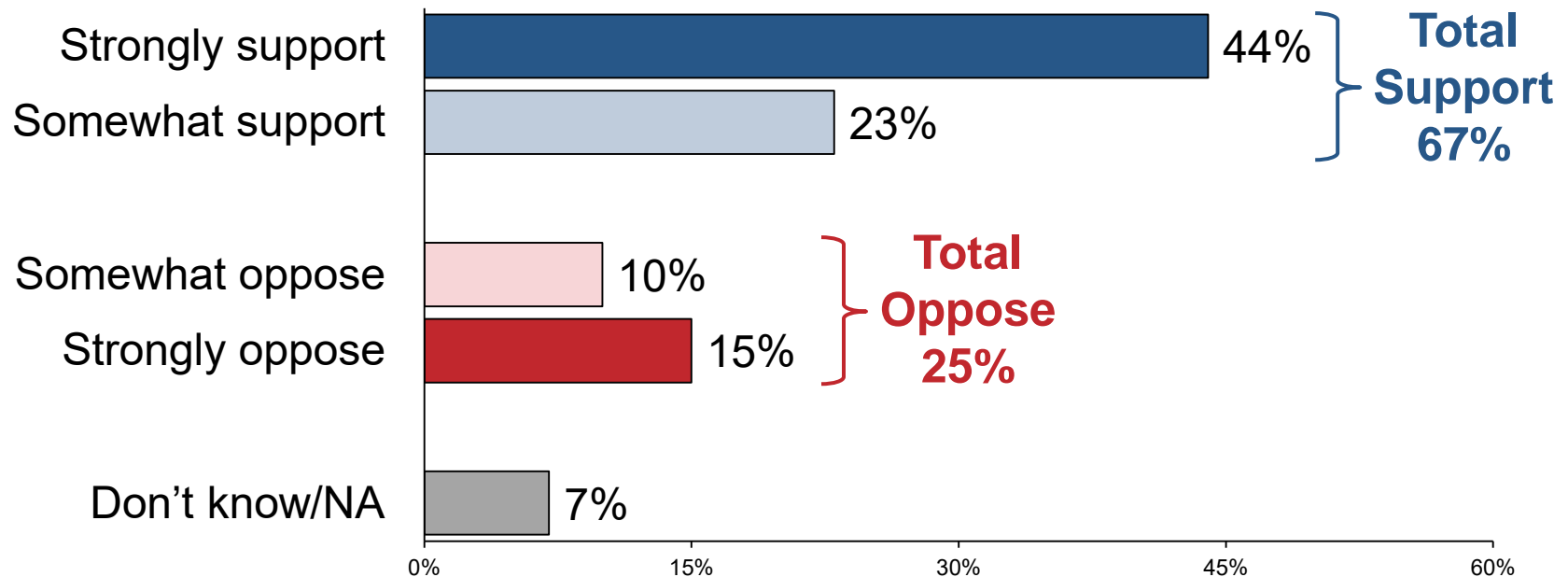
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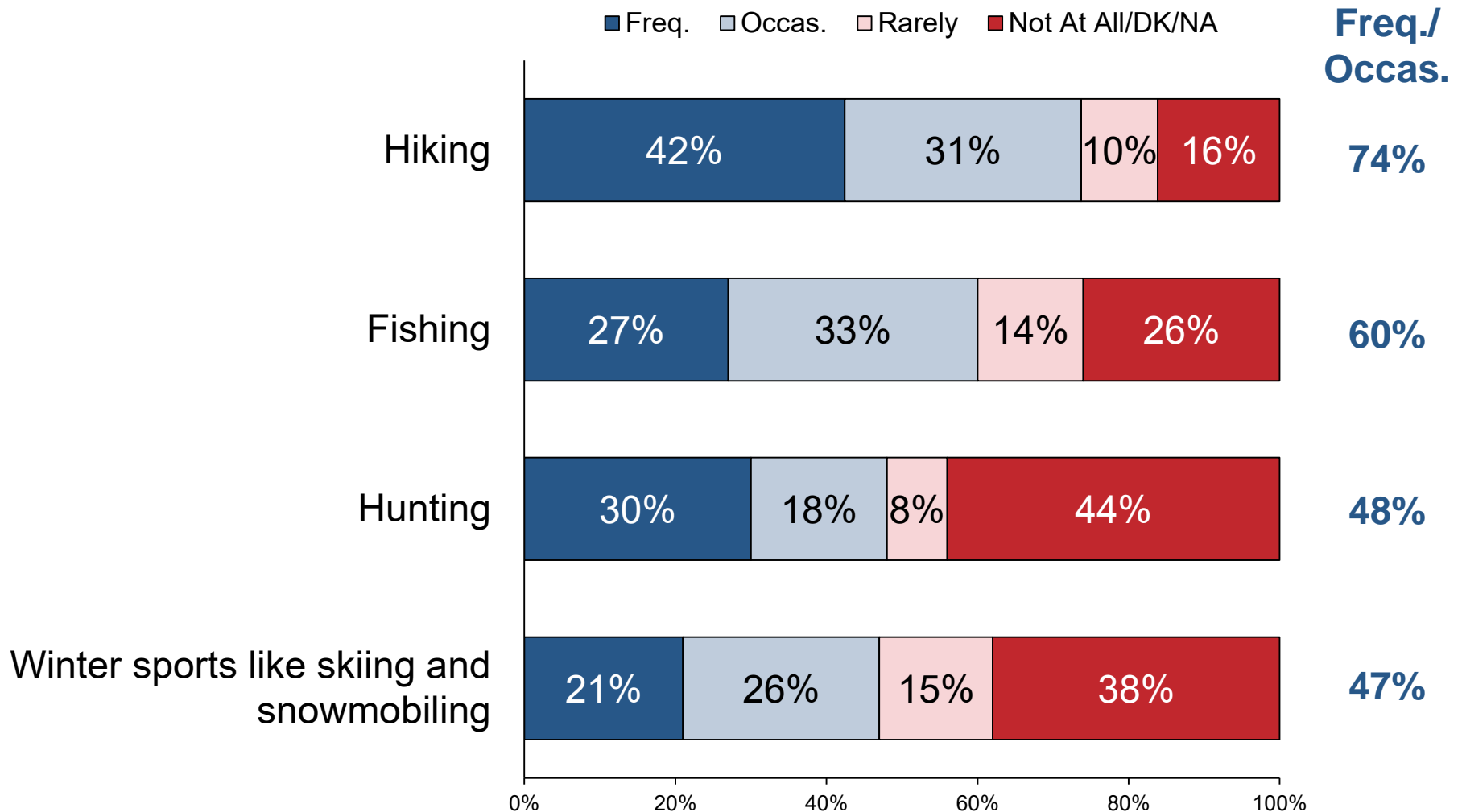
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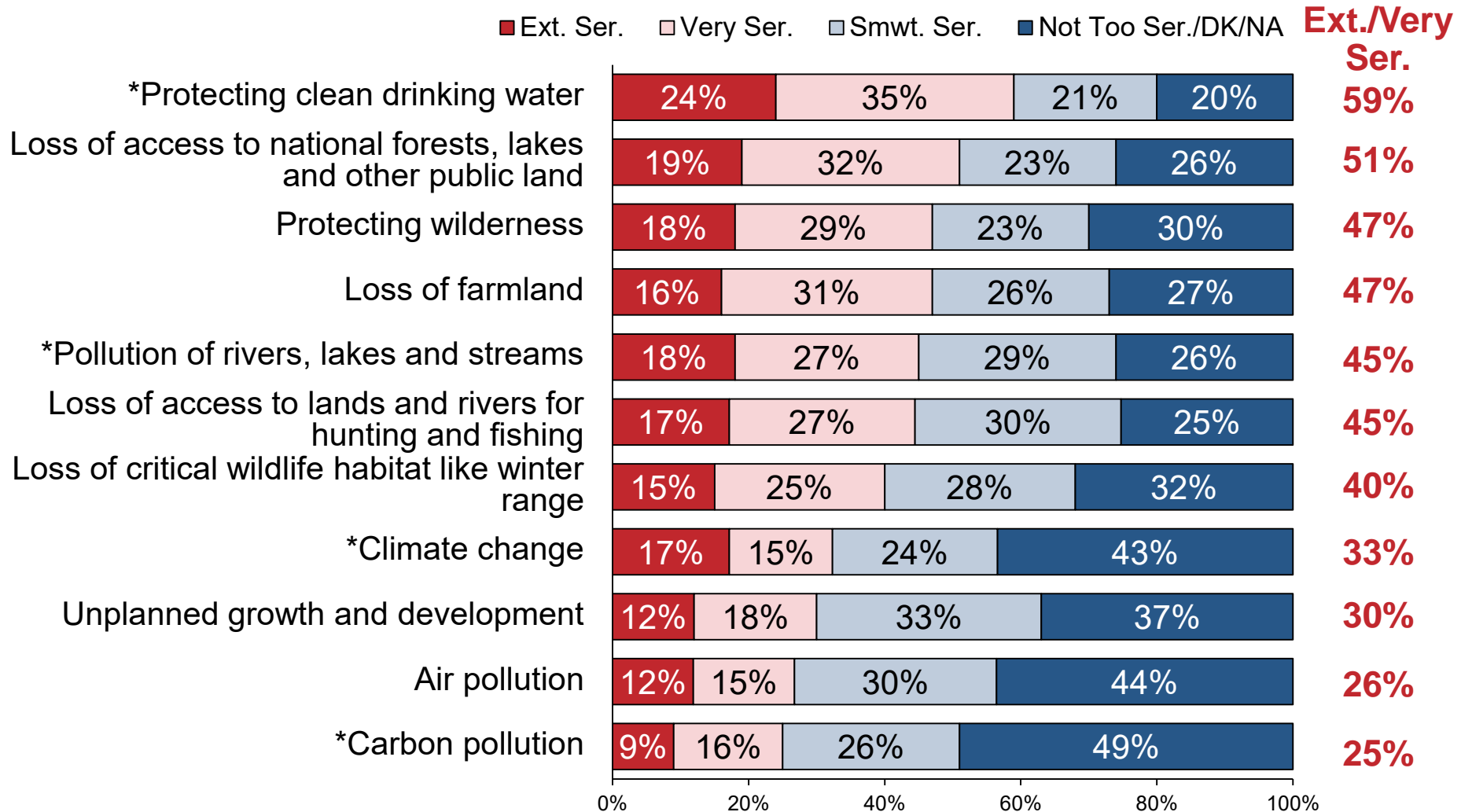




# Montana voters have extremely high rates of participation in outdoor recreation.



# Protecting drinking water quality is Montanans' top environmental concern.



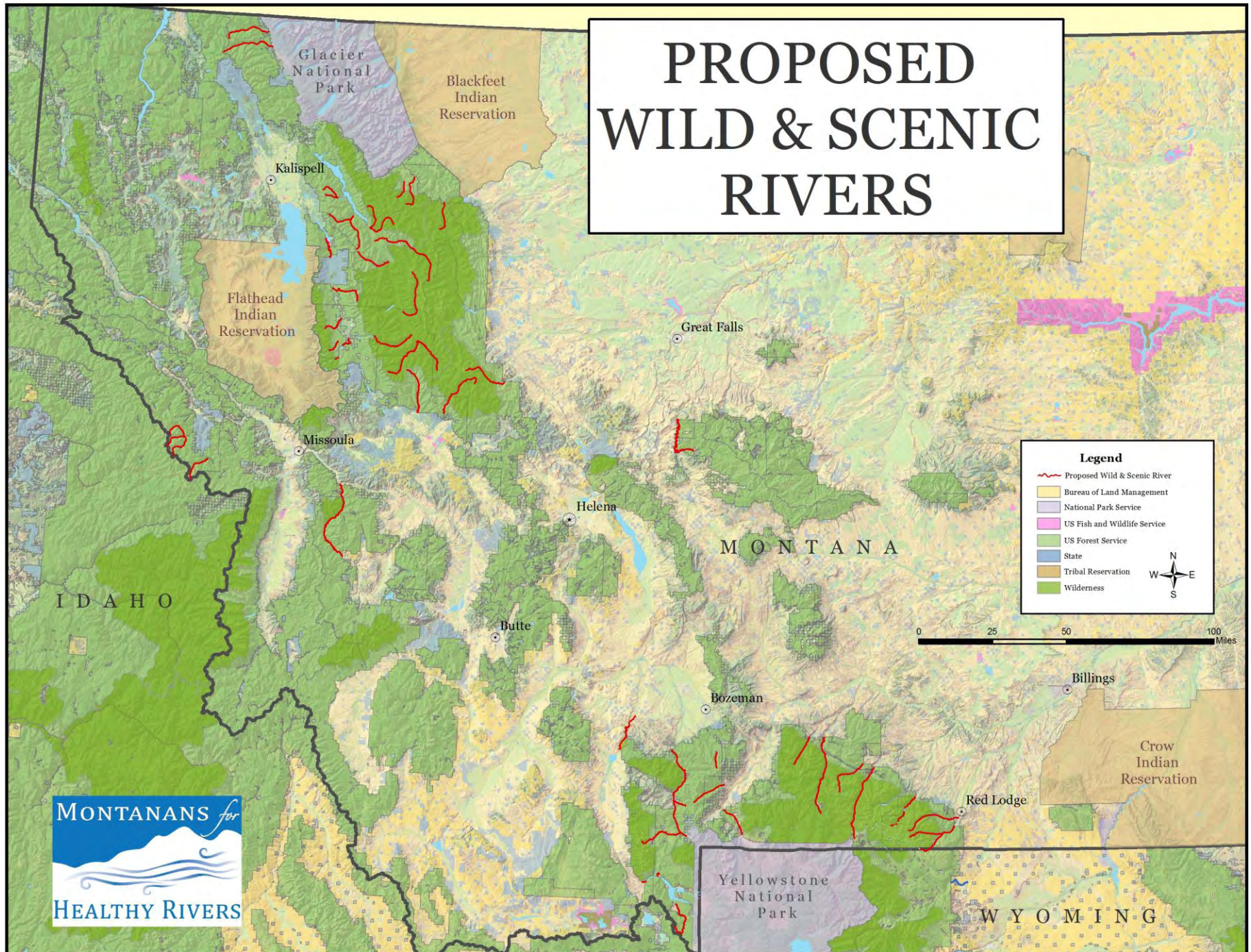


# MHR's Proposal is the Result of Six Years of Outreach





# PROPOSED WILD & SCENIC RIVERS





# Endorsements

- 1300 citizens
- 300+ MT businesses
- 4 Chambers of Commerce
- 13 public meetings : Billings, Bozeman (2), Condon, Ennis, Kalispell, Missoula (2), Ovando, Red Lodge, Rock Creek, Seeley Lake, and Whitefish.
- Wild & Scenic Rivers events in Billings, Big Sky, Bozeman, Livingston, Missoula, Red Lodge and Whitefish.



Fishing Outfitters Association of Montana



BUSINESS FOR  
**MONTANA'S**  
OUTDOORS



# Questions, Feedback, Discussion

## Other Resources:

- Selway WSR Logging Project
- Primer on WSRA for CGWG

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