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## **NEWS RELEASE**

## APA Applauds Release of Stream Protection Rule Environmental Impact Statement Rule Will Safeguard Our Waters

The American Packrafting Association is delighted that the long-awaited Stream Protection Rule Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) has been released by the federal Office of Surface Mining.

"The Stream Protection Rule is a significant step forward in caring for the nation's water," said APA President Brad Meiklejohn. "The FEIS has been in the works for years and is a strong step towards a final Stream Protection Rule, which will assure citizens that the waters they cherish will be clean and safe."

APA represents over 1,200 members across all 50 states. Our membership is devoted to the protection and enjoyment of clean, pure and wild waterways. The Stream Protection Rule will safeguard our nation's waters from abusive mining practices that have impaired far too many streams and rivers already.

In September, APA sent <u>this letter</u> to Interior Secretary Sally Jewell supporting the Stream Protection Rule and urging its completion.

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Brad Meiklejohn, President American Packrafting Association

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