



Across the arid landscape of Arizona, riverside habitats, or Riparian Areas, provide vital resources to humans and wildlife alike. Their flowing water and the shaded, vegetation rich habitats they support make activities like cattle ranching, mining, outdoor recreation, and urban expansion all possible - while still providing critical habitat for over 70 percent of the state's endangered wildlife.

On Arizona's public lands, through which many of the state's rivers flow, it is the job of Resource Managers to monitor the impacts of all of these activities and ensure that no one use pushes out another. Since these lands are public, it is mandated that no one user's impacts may ever prevent another user, whether human or animal, from using the land.

In riparian areas, where resources are concentrated and space is limited, this balancing act can become especially tricky. In this game, you're a resource manager trying to protect Arizona's rivers, but western rivers are complex and sometimes, despite your best efforts, disasters will happen.

Try your best to protect our rivers and save as many birds as you can along the way. Good luck!



Birds **Management** Concern

published in 2011. This is a list of species, subspecies, populations, or These rankings were taken from the United States Fish and Wildlife On each Bird Card, you will find the bird's "Conservation Status" of Management Concern and Focal Species" For more information, please visit



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RULES OF PLAY

CONTENTS:

120 Cards

42 River Cards

34 Rivers

8 Disasters

78 Observation Cards

43 Monitoring Cards

32 Indicators

10 Setbacks

I Wild Card

21 Action Cards

14 Bird Cards





OBJECT:

To be the player with the most points (birds saved) when the game ends.

SETUP:

- A) Sort the cards into two decks, identified on their backs as River or Observation cards, and shuffle each deck thoroughly. Place the River cards face down to one side.
- B) Deal each player seven cards from the Observation deck and place the deck face down in the center as the draw pile. Played and discarded cards will sit face up in a discard pile next to the draw pile. Players should look at their cards. Check the bottom of all green Monitoring cards so you can tell if you have an Indicator or a Setback.

BASIC GAME PLAY:

- A) The player left of the dealer goes first. There are four ways to play on each of your turns.
 - PROTECT A RIVER. Lay down three Monitoring-Indicator cards and take a River card. This
 is how you gain and lose points (see the box on the right).
 - 2) ADD A BIRD CARD to a River card (see box to the right).
 - 3) PLAY AN ACTION CARD. Most of these will be played against another player any player. Follow the instructions on the card (see box to the right).
 - 4) DISCARD one card if you cannot do any of the above. This is one way to get rid of Monitoring-Setback cards.
- **B)** Draw enough cards from the **Observation** deck to bring your hand back up to seven cards. If you took a card from an opponent, he/she will need to draw a new card. If both players need to draw, the one who played first should draw first.

At the end of every turn, all players should have seven observation cards in-hand

C) Play continues to the left (clockwise). If the draw pile runs out, reshuffle the discard pile and start a new draw pile.

WINNING:

The game ends when the first player gets 5 rivers. The winner is the one with the most points tallied from the RIVER and BIRD cards (see box to the right).

1) PROTECT A RIVER (earn points)

When you have collected three monitoring-indicator cards, each from a different category, you lay them on the discard pile to protect a river. Categories: Water Quality, Bank Stability, Vegetation, and Flow. There is one Wild Card that can substitute for any category indicator. Watch out for Setbacks: if you're caught trying to protect a river with one, you forfeit your turn - take back your cards and don't draw any new ones!

Next, draw a **River** card, say its name, and lay it face up in front of you. If you have drawn a disaster card, your turn ends. If you have drawn a river, look at the bottom for its associated birds. If you have any matching **Bird** cards in your hand, lay them on the **River** card for extra points.

You may add as many Bird cards to your River card as there are birds listed on the card, but no duplicates are allowed.

2) PLAY A BIRD CARD (earn points)

If you draw a **Bird** card later in the game that matches with one of your **River** cards, on another turn you may lay it on and get the extra points. This counts as your turn. Add only one bird per turn.

3) PLAYING AN ACTION CARD

STEALING A RIVER

Several of the Action cards allow you to steal another player's River card. If the other player can immediately play a blocking card by laying it on the discard pile, nothing happens. If the other player has no blocking card, you choose which River card to take. Any associated Bird cards stay with the River and come to you. You must wait until another turn to add any new Birds.

LOSING A RIVER

There is one "Invasive Species" card which you play to make another player lose one River card, returning it to the bottom of the River card pile. There is no blocking this card. The other player gets to chose which River card is discarded. Any associated Birds go to the discard pile. Disaster cards are never put back, but can be shifted to another player by a "Dishonest Politician" card.

DRAW UP TO TWO CARDS

Two Action cards allow you to draw up to two cards. When you play this card, you may then immediately draw a card and decide whether to keep it or discard it. If you keep it, your turn ends. If you discard it, you may draw another card and keep it.

TAKE ONE MONITORING CARD:

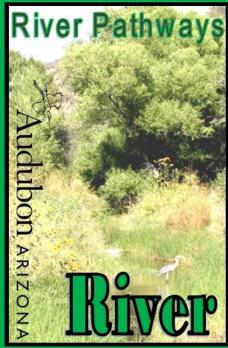
If you play one of these cards, choose a player who must give you one of his or her monitoring cards. Some of these cards are category-specific (Water Quality, Bank Stability, Vegetation, Flow). If the card does not specify, you choose the category. Beware, the other player may give you a Setback. The other player will then need to draw a card. If the other player does not have a monitoring card from the specified/requested category, you simply draw a card and your turn ends.

WINNING

When one player has protected 5 rivers (collected 5 River cards), play stops and each player counts up the total number of points in their River collection. When counting points, include River, Disaster, and Bird cards. The player with the most points wins.

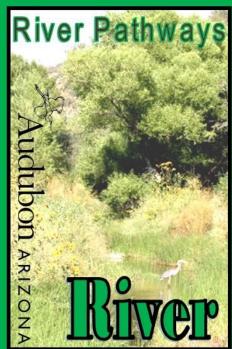
If time is limited, you may wish to end the game when one player collects four River cards or after a set amount of time (we recommend at least 20 minutes). Alternately, play two or more games and add up the points from all games to find the ultimate winner - an honorary Resource Manager!

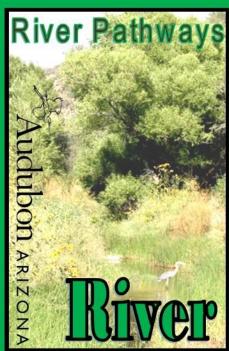
















DISASTER! -1

A large dam
breaks upstream
and the river is
flooded!

DISASTER! -4

A metropolitan area is growing unsustainably and needs more water!

DISASTER! -2

Politicians ignore evidence that rivers are being dewatered.

DISASTER! -3

Off-road vehicle users fail to see signage and are trampling plants along the river!

DISASTER! -2

Environmental regulations are lessened, allowing for more industrial activity along Arizona's rivers.

DISASTER! -1

Agricultural operations begin producing crops that require extensive irrigation.

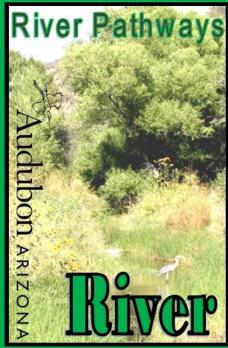
DISASTER! -1

Cattle fences
break during a
monsoon storm.
Cows are free to
graze on riparian
plants!

DISASTER! -3

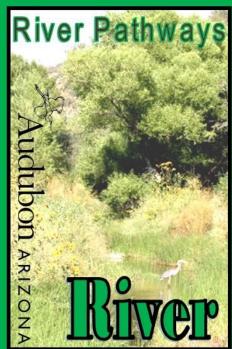
Crayfish, an invasive species, are found in the river!

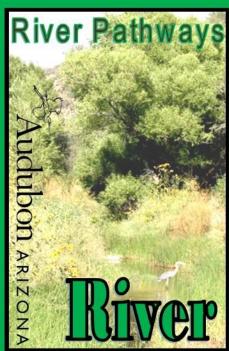
















San Pedro

Location in AZ: Cochise, Pima.

BIRDS: western yellow-billed cuckoo, southwestern willow

San Pedro



Location in AZ: Cochise, Pima. Graham, and Pinal counties

Length: | 50mi (241km)

BIRDS: western yellow-billed cuckoo, southwestern willow flycatcher, Bell's vireo

San Pedro



Location in AZ: Cochise, Pima. Graham, and Pinal counties

Length: 150mi (241km)

BIRDS: western yellow-billed cuckoo, southwestern willow flycatcher, Bell's vireo

Graham, and Pinal counties

Length: 150mi (241km)

flycatcher, Bell's vireo

Colorado



Location in AZ: Yuma, La Paz, Coconino, and Mojave counties

Length: 1,450mi (2,334km)

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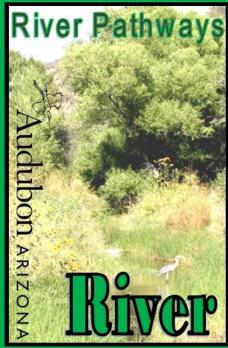
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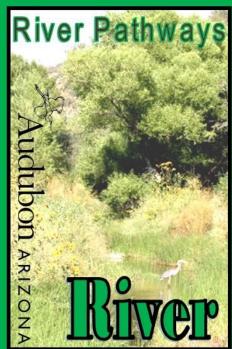
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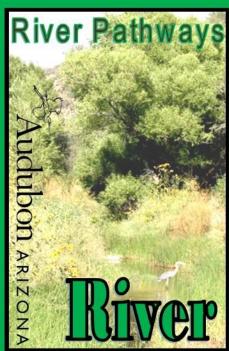
















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Length: 120mi (190km)

BIRDS: western yellow-billed

cuckoo, Bell's vireo, common black-hawk



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black-hawk

Salt

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3







Location in AZ: Gila and Maricopa counties

Length: 200mi (322km)

BIRDS: bald eagle, southwestern willow flycatcher, yellowbreasted chat

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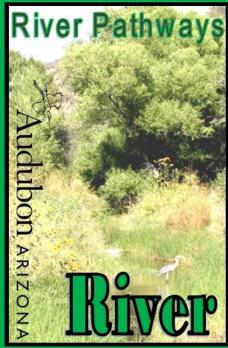


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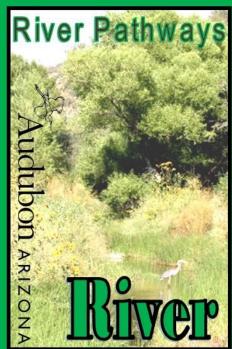
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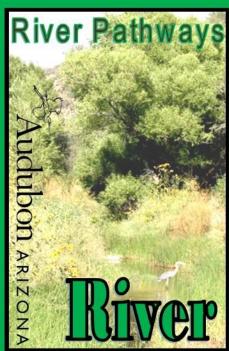
















Verde 5



Location in AZ: Coconino, Yavapi, and Maricopa counties

Length: 195mi (314km)

BIRDS: Bell's vireo, bald eagle, southwestern willow flycatcher

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Location in AZ: Greenlee. Graham, Pinal, Maricopa, and Yuma counties

Length: 649mi (314km)

BIRDS: Yuma clapper rail, bald eagle, southwestern willow flycatcher, yellow-breasted chat

Gila



Gila





Location in AZ: Greenlee. Graham, Pinal, Maricopa, and Yuma

Length: 649mi (314km)

counties

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Santa Cruz





Location in AZ: Pinal and Santa Cruz counties

Length: 184mi (296km)

BIRDS: common black-hawk, Bell's vireo, western yellow-billed cuckoo

Santa Cruz



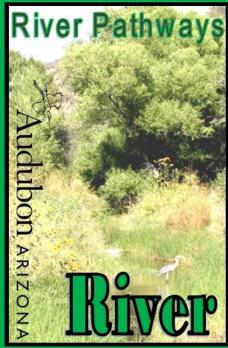


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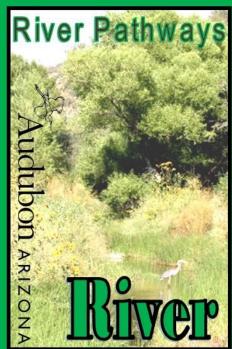
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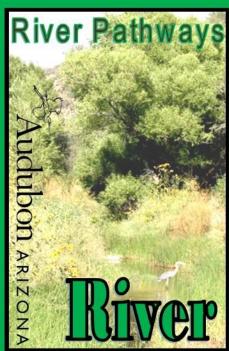
















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Blue





Location in AZ: Greenlee county Length: 50.8mi (81.8km)

BIRDS: yellow-breasted chat, bald eagle, southwestern willow flycatcher

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Little Colorado





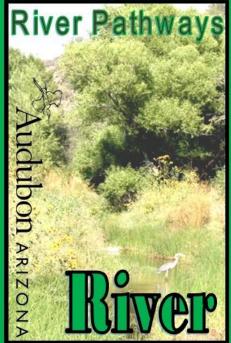
Location in AZ: Apache, Navajo, and Coconino counties

BIRDS: yellow-breasted chat, bald eagle, southwestern willow flycatcher

















Common black-hawk



Little Colorado

Location in AZ: Apache, Navajo,

BIRDS: yellow-breasted chat,

bald eagle, southwestern willow

flycatcher

and Coconino counties

Diet: Mostly fis

Bird of Management Concerr

Southwestern willow flycatcher

Empidonaz traillii extimus)

Diet: Primarily insec



Conservation Status

Endangered

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Diet: Primarily insects



Conservation Status

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Rallus Iongirostris yumanensis) Yuma clapper rail



Diet: Small fish, frogs,

onservation

Endangered

Little Colorado

Location in AZ: Apache, Navajo, and Coconino counties

BIRDS: yellow-breasted chat, bald eagle, southwestern willow flycatcher



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Bell's vireo



Conservation Status

Bird of Management Concern

Common black-hawk



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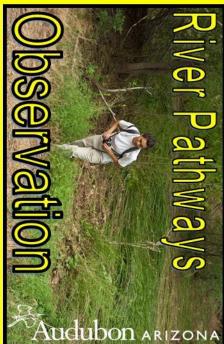
Bird of Management Concern

















Bald eagle (Haliaeetus leucocephalus)



Conservation Status

Populations recovering

(Haliaeetus leucocephalus)

Bald eagle

Removed from the threatened/ endangered list in 2007.

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but occasionally eats birds and mammals. Diet: Mostly fish,

Probably mates for life. Fun Facts: Hunts by watching prey from a high perch.

Western yellow-billed cuckoo

(Coccyzus americanus occidentalis)



Conservati

Threatened Status Pending



Diet: Large insects such as cicadas, grasshoppers, and caterpillars

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Conservation Status

Fun Facts: Hunts

Yellow-breasted chat

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Bell's vireo

(Vireo bellii)

Diet: Mostly insects such as caterpillars, beetles, and wasps.

(Icteria virens)



Conservation Status

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victim of cowbird

parasitism.

Bird of Management Concern

Bell's vireo

(Vireo bellii)

Conservation Status

Fun Facts: Forages

Rarely berries.

Diet: Insects, such as grasshoppers. Some moths, beetles, and

Fun Facts: Song is a bizarre series of hoots and whisdes. Males and females berries.

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Least Concern

Yellow-breasted chat



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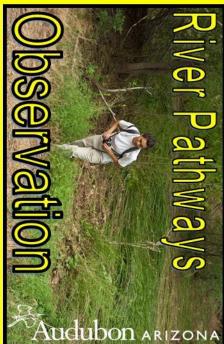
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Water Quality



Dissolved Oxygen

Cool waters are supporting high oxygen levels

INDICATOR

MONITORING

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pH Levels

Levels are stable and within the optimal range (6-7) to support aquatic life

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Water Quality



Turbidity

Amount of suspended solids in the water is low and the water is clear

INDICATOR

MONITORING

Water Quality



Mining

Local mining operations adopt new methods that result in cleaner water

INDICATOR

MONITORING

Water Quality



Bad Data

Water testing results are inconsistent, suggesting problems with your equipment

SETBACK

MONITORING

Water Quality



Bad Data

Water testing results are inconsistent, suggesting problems with your equipment

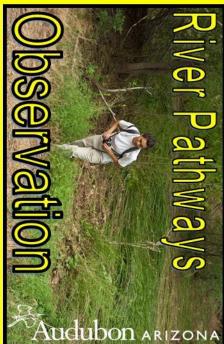
SETBACK

















Water Quality



Mine Tailings

Mine tailings are leaking directly into the river!

SETBACK

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Water Quality



Equipment Failure

Dissolved oxygen meter wasn't calibrated correctly!

SETBACK

MONITORING

Bank Stability



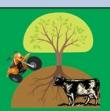
Streamside Vegetation

The roots of dense riparian vegetation are effectively holding soil in place

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Bank Stability



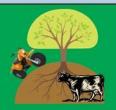
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Fencing

Fences are working! Damage to banks from cattle and offroad vehicles is reduced

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Bank Stability



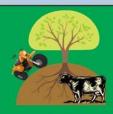
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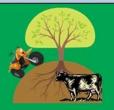
Vehicles

A new jeep trail is built outside the riparian corridor. Now no one drives in the riverbed!

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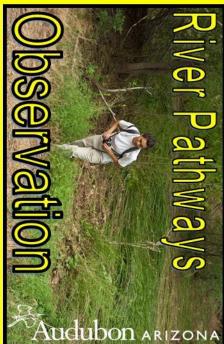
INDICATOR

















Bank Stability



Grazing

Livestock pressure is reduced and seedling trees abound, holding the banks together

INDICATOR

MONITORING

Bank Stability



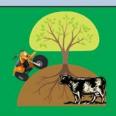
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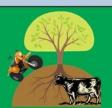
Erosion

Man-made barriers are keeping soil in place

INDICATOR

MONITORING

Bank Stability



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MONITORING

Bank Stability



Fencing

Fences fail and cattle burst through. They are trampling the banks!

SETBACK

MONITORING

Bank Stability



Vehicles

Off-road vehicles don't see the signs prohibiting riding in the riverbed

SETBACK

MONITORING

Vegetation



Restoration

Volunteers planted young cottonwood and willow trees.
They are thriving!

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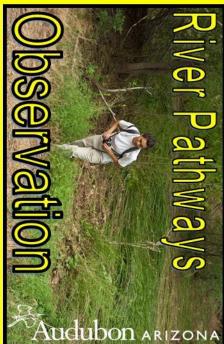
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Vegetation



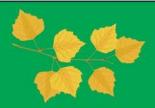
Non-native plants

Non-native tamarisk and Russian olive are removed and replaced with native plants

INDICATOR

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Vegetation



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Understory

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Vegetation



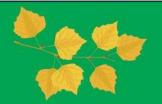
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Vegetation



High Canopy

Large native trees present and providing shade and nesting sites

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Vegetation



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Vegetation



Drought

A long term drought causes seedling cottonwood and willow trees to wither and die

SETBACK

MONITORING

Vegetation



Grazing

Cattle break through a fence and begin to graze on young cottonwood and willow trees

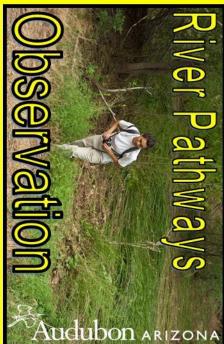
SETBACK

















Flow



Legislation

New laws ensure and protect proper river flow amounts over time

INDICATOR

MONITORING

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Flow



Agriculture

Farmers plant low-water use plants and reduce the amount of water they are pumping

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Agriculture

Farmers plant low-water use plants and reduce the amount of water they are pumping

INDICATOR

MONITORING

Flow



Water Treatment

Reclaimed water is returned to the river system

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Industry

Industries adopt new manufacturing methods that require far less water

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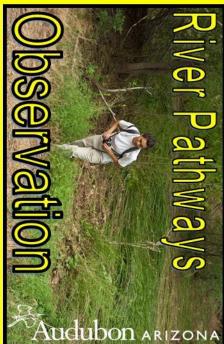
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Flow



Dams

Dams upstream reduce river flow significantly

SETBACK

MONITORING

Flow



Floods

Large flooding events disrupt communities along the river's banks

SETBACK

MONITORING

WILD CARD



Student intern discovers new methods of measuring riparian health!

INDICATOR

ACTION



Monitoring instruments are washed away in a flood!

Take one WATER
QUALITY monitoring
card from another player

ACTION



Your work truck breaks down!

Take one BANK
STABILITY monitoring
card from another player

ACTION



Instrument malfunction!

Take one FLOW monitoring card from another player

ACTION



Student intern loses data sheet in the stream!

Take one VEGETATION monitoring card from another player

ACTION



Dishonest Politician

shift the blame to someone else

Pass DISASTER card to another player

















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Computer crashes and you didn't back up your data!

Take one monitoring card from another player

ACTION



A film crew gets trapped in a flash flood and you have to rescue them!

Take one monitoring card from another player

ACTION



Budget cuts!

Take one monitoring card from another player

ACTION



Instruments buried during flood!

Start digging!

Take one monitoring card from another player

ACTION



Promotion!

You now manage another river!

TAKE one RIVER card from another player

ACTION



Retirement!

Your boss retires and it's up to you to manage the river!

TAKE one RIVER card from another player

ACTION



Land Acquisition!

Your agency acquires new property

TAKE one RIVER card from another player

















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Smithsonian Institute awards you a grant!

The value of your research is finally recognized

BLOCKS theft of a RIVER card

ACTION



Presidential Medal!

You are awarded for your contributions to science

BLOCKS theft of a RIVER card

ACTION



The scientific community respects your expertise

BLOCKS theft of a RIVER card

ACTION



You help pass a new law protecting rivers

BLOCKS theft of a RIVER card

ACTION



Invasive Species!

Bullfrogs have invaded your river system

Make Another Player PUT BACK one RIVER card

ACTION



New Scientific Breakthrough!

Draw up to TWO cards

ACTION



New Scientific Breakthrough!

Draw up to TWO cards