



**Arizona Navigable Stream  
Adjudication Commission  
(ANSAC)  
Information Bulletin IV**



**MAJOR RIVERS IN EACH ARIZONA COUNTY**

The beds, not the water, of watercourses that were Not Navigable at Statehood are subject to Private Property Rights, private ownership, by the person across whose property the watercourse travels. The statutory mission of the Arizona Navigable Stream Adjudication Commission is twofold, first to determine which of the estimated 39,039 Arizona watercourses were navigable at time of statehood, February 14, 1912. The need to determine navigability of Arizona's watercourses is to clear-up an estimated 100,000 clouded property titles. The second part of the mission is to determine the public trust value of each watercourse that was navigable at statehood and the beds to these watercourses are subject to government ownership. **(The work of the Commission has nothing to do with water use, water ownership, water allocation, or water diversion. These issues are controlled by many other laws.)** The Commission has held more than 150 hearings to determine navigability, including in every Arizona county. The Commission conducted its work in two stages: Major watercourse studies—from a list of 17 major watercourses, and small and minor watercourse studies—by county.

[Apache County](#)

Little Colorado, Puerco,  
San Francisco

[Cochise County](#)

San Pedro

[Coconino County](#)

Little Colorado

[Gila County](#)

Gila, Upper Salt, Verde

[Graham County](#)

Gila

[Greenlee County](#)

Blue, Gila, San Francisco

[La Paz County](#)

Bill Williams, Santa Maria

[Maricopa County](#)

Agua Fria, Gila, Hassayampa  
Lower Salt, Upper Salt, Verde

[Mohave County](#)

Big Sandy, Bill Williams, Burro Creek, Santa  
Maria, Virgin

[Navajo County](#)

Little Colorado, Puerco

[Pima County](#)

San Pedro, Santa Cruz

[Pinal County](#)

Gila, San Pedro, Santa Cruz

[Santa Cruz County](#)

Santa Cruz

[Yavapai County](#)

Agua Fria, Burro Creek, Hassayampa, Santa  
Maria, Verde

[Yuma County](#)

Gila

[Agua Fria River](#)

Maricopa, Yavapai

[Big Sandy River](#)

Mohave

[Bill Williams River](#)

La Paz, Mohave

[Blue River](#)

Greenlee

[Burro Creek](#)

Mohave, Yavapai

[Gila River](#)

Gila, Pinal, Maricopa, Greenlee, Graham, Yuma

[Hassayampa River](#)

Maricopa, Yavapai

[Little Colorado River](#)

Apache, Coconino, Navajo

[Lower Salt River](#)

Maricopa

[Puerco River](#)

Apache, Navajo

[San Francisco](#)

Apache, Greenlee

[San Pedro River](#)

Cochise, Pima, Pinal

[Santa Cruz River](#)

Pima, Pinal, Santa Cruz

[Santa Maria River](#)

La Paz, Mohave, Yavapai

[Upper Salt River](#)

Gila, Maricopa

[Verde River](#)

Gila, Maricopa, Yavapai

[Virgin River](#)

Mohave