General Observations

All eleven nominees were found to possess exceptional environmental settings. With the exception of East Hawksbill Creek, all nominees' are Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (DGIF) Class I or Class II wild trout streams and satisfy the criterion of possessing an exceptional aquatic community. East Hawksbill Creek is unclassified by DGIF but is considered a native brook trout fishery and is listed as open for harvest by the National Park Service. All eleven water bodies provide exceptional recreational opportunities such as hiking, backcountry backpacking and camping, fishing, bird and wildlife watching, and photography. Motorized access to all streams is prohibited. Nominated segment boundary descriptions, accessibility, particularly outstanding features, and representative photos for each stream segment are provided in the following section.

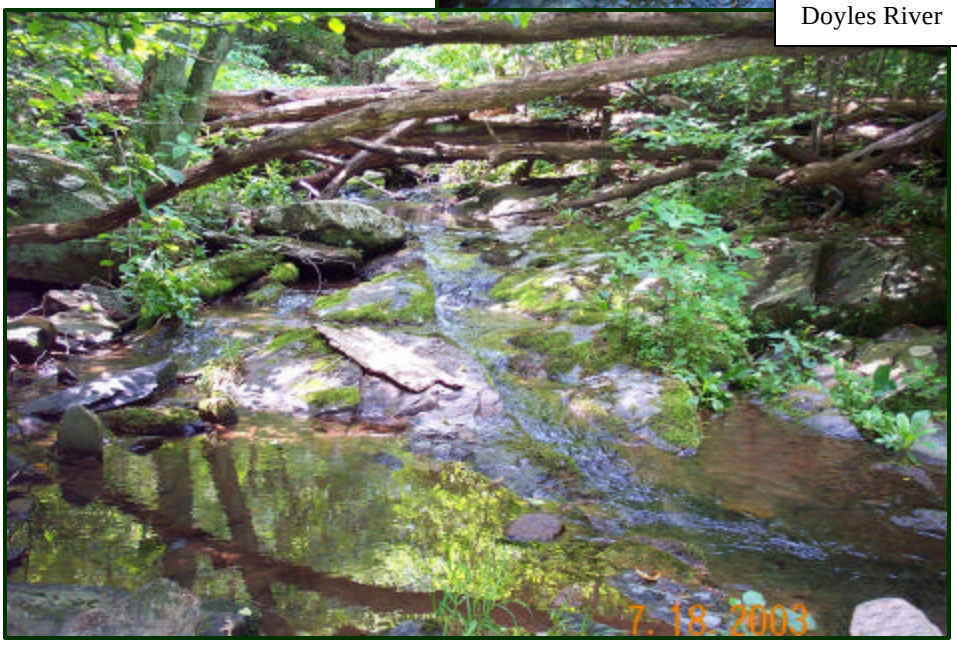
Doyles River

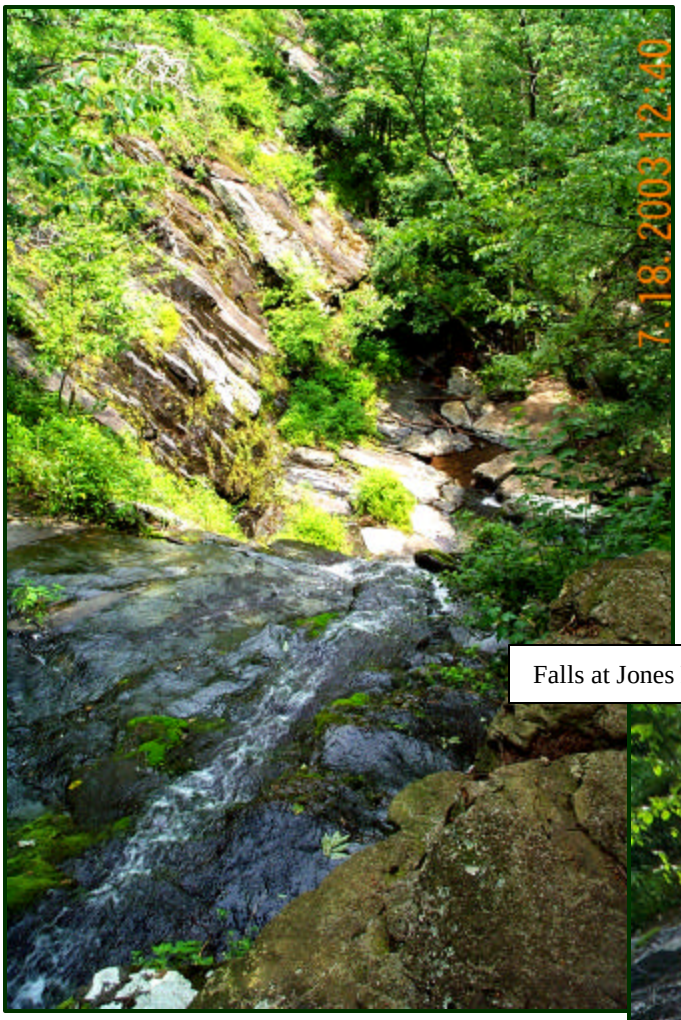
Boundary Description

Doyles River in Albemarle County from its headwaters to the Shenandoah National Park boundary and Jones Falls Run from its headwaters to its confluence with Doyles River and all tributaries to these segments of Doyles River and Jones Fall Run within the confines of Shenandoah National Park.

Access to Doyles River is only from the top at Skyline Drive. There is no public access at the downstream boundary. A cursory benthic survey was done and stoneflies, caddisflies, and mayflies were observed. There are attractive falls on both Doyles River and its tributary Jones Falls Run.

Doyles River





Falls at Jones Falls Run