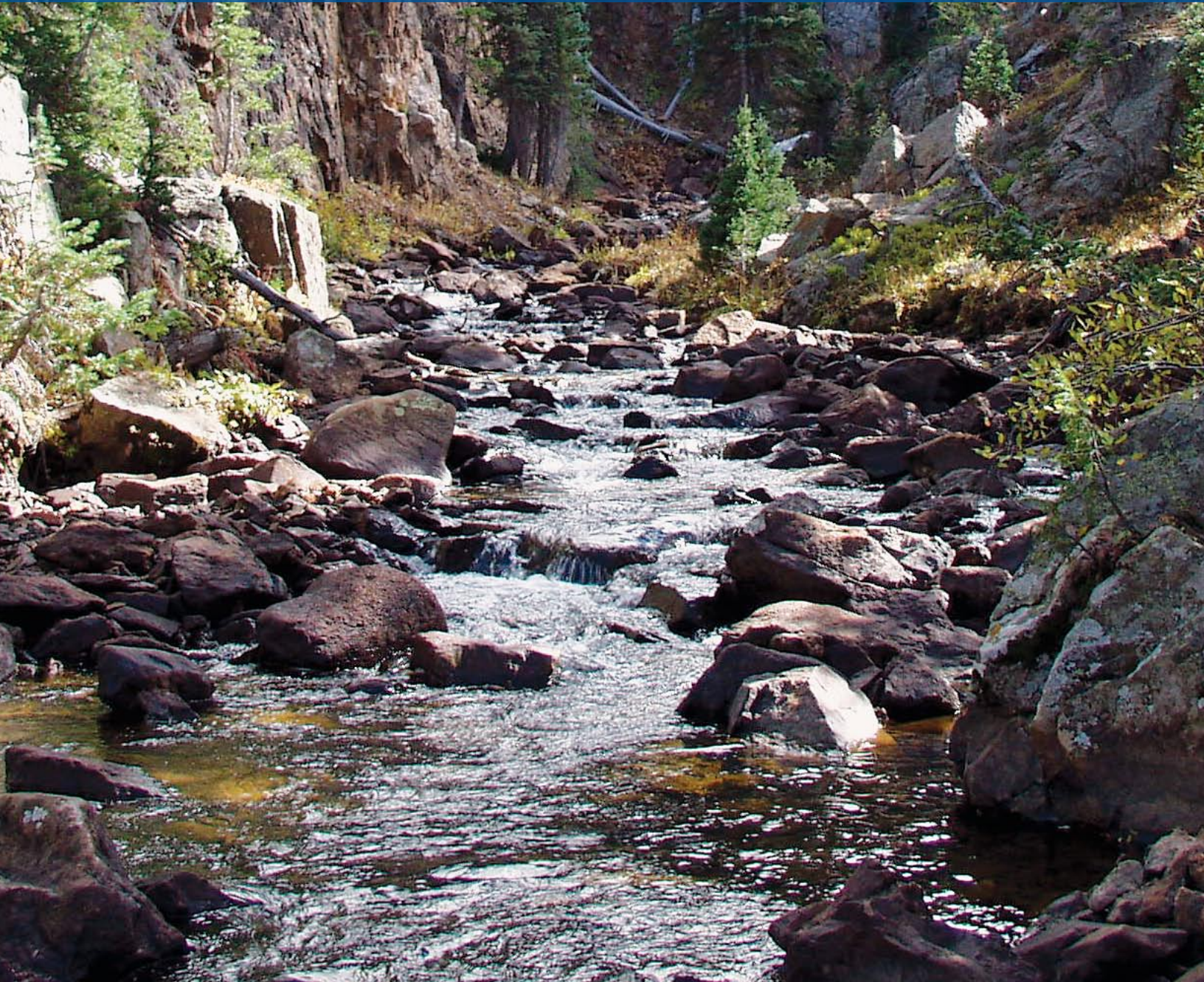
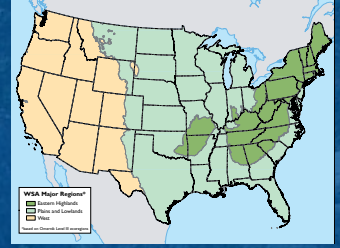
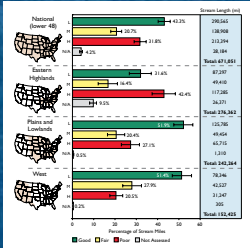




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Acronym List

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| °F | degrees Fahrenheit |
| ANC | acid neutralizing capacity |
| BMPs | best management practices |
| CAAA | Clean Air Act Amendments |
| CWA | Clean Water Act |
| EMAP | Environmental Monitoring and Assessment Program |
| EPA | U.S. Environmental Protection Agency |
| FWS | U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service |
| km | kilometers |
| mi ² | square miles |
| NAPAP | National Acid Precipitation Program |
| NCA | National Coastal Assessment |
| NCCR | National Coastal Condition Report |
| NCCR II | National Coastal Condition Report II |
| NEP | National Estuary Program |
| NEP CCR | National Estuary Program Coastal Condition Report |
| NHD | National Hydrography Dataset |
| NLCD | National Land Cover Dataset |
| NOAA | National Atmospheric and Oceanic Administration |
| O/E | observed/expected |
| PCBs | polychlorinated biphenyls |
| RBS | relative bed stability |
| TDS | total dissolved solids |
| µeq/L | microequivalents per liter |
| USGS | U.S. Geological Survey |
| VOCs | volatile organic compounds |
| WSA | Wadeable Streams Assessment |