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# KARNALI RIVER EXPEDITION UPDATE SEPTEMBER 2017

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This is the first of monthly newsletters that will be sent out as updates on the Karnali River Expedition. Your name has been included on the mailing list because of your expressed interest in this project or your connections to the research scientists. Please let us know if there are others we should add to our mailing list.



## Karnali Expedition Prospectus now available

We have produced a prospectus that can be shared with anyone interested in the Karnali project. An electronic copy is included with this letter and we are setting up a link on the [NRCT](#) and Karnali River Waterkeeper websites.

**Please share the prospectus widely as a kick-off to our fundraising effort.**

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A **BIG THANKS** goes out to Skip Hamilton and his wife from Pro Print, Custom Design and Printing, Corvallis Oregon for his patience and fantastic design of the prospectus. He donated all his time for the layout then, to top it off, printed up hundreds of business cards (displayed above) to spread the word.

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## Two New Articles Published



We have two recent articles published. One in Waterkeeper International, by Gary Wockner, that focus's on Megh Ale's history of conservation and effort to save Nepali rivers. The article explores the fate of the Karnali River as Ultimate Descents Rafting Company leads an 8 day Save the Karnali Expedition. The participants learn about the hydropower projects and the people and cultures they pass along the way including impacts to the Raute people, Nepals last remaining nomadic tribe. The newest article is in the SEPT/OCT issue of American Whitewater and describes the



plight of the Karnali River, the excellent whitewater paddling opportunities that will be lost with hydropower development on the mainstream river and the effort to Save the Karnali.

## Fund Raising and Grant Writing

We are moving forward with applications for several grants, specifically National Geographic, World Trout Initiative by Patagonia, Fly Fishers International, and USAID. We have also approached several groups currently working in Nepal to see how the Karnali Expedition could fit into on-going work and expect to hear back from them soon. There are others that will also be pursued soon but if you have any ideas for funding sources, please let Karen know. **WE NEED YOUR HELP!** THANKS.

**We are still negotiating the Karnali**



**We are currently finalizing the Expedition Team**

**Nepal River Conservation Trust and Karnali River Waterkeeper both have their websites up and running. Check them out!**