

State of America's Rivers

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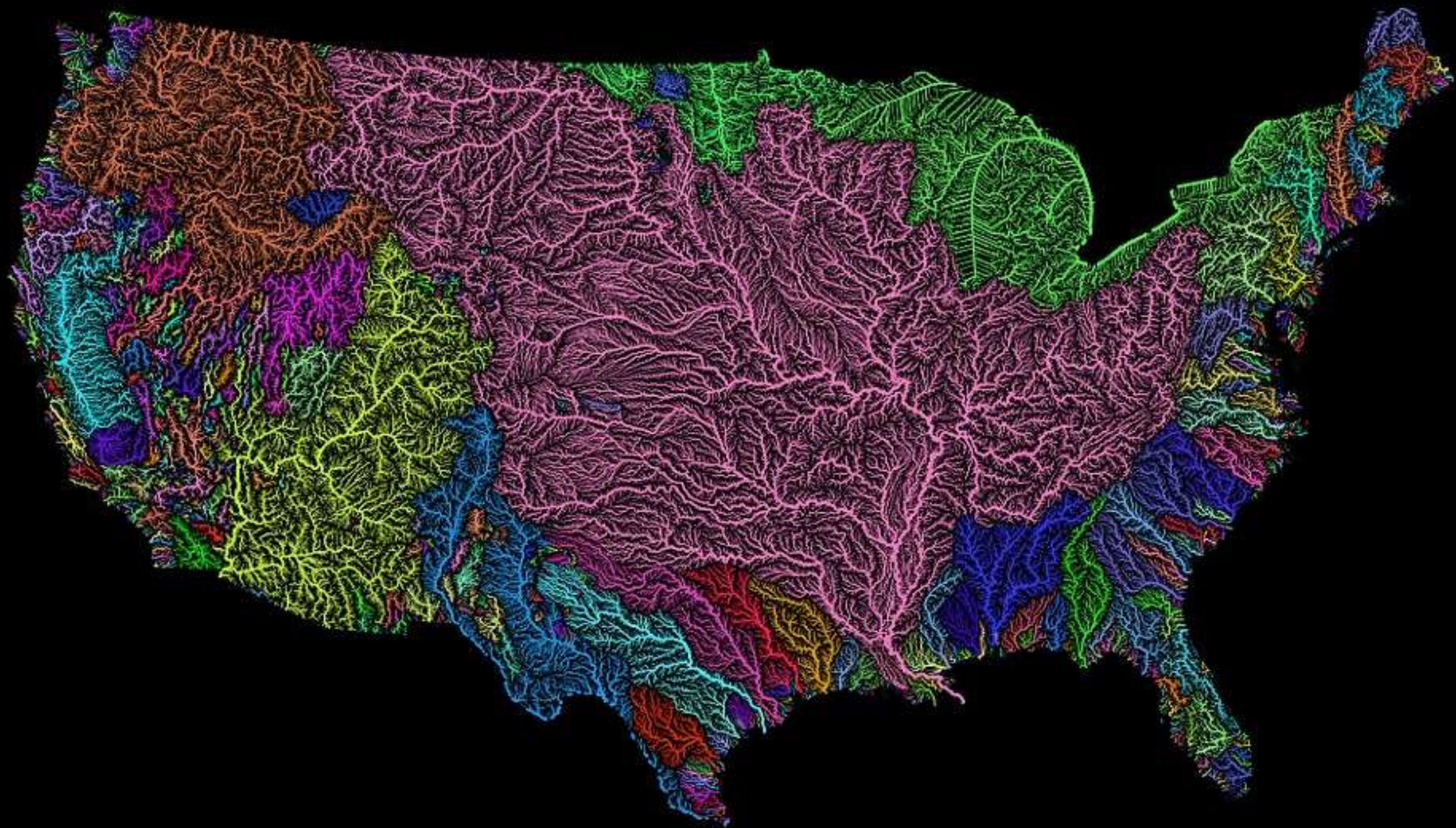
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An aerial photograph showing a wide river meandering through a vast, dense forest. The river flows from the top left towards the bottom right, forming a large loop. The forest is a mix of dark green and lighter green, indicating different types of trees or vegetation. The lighting suggests it might be late afternoon or early morning, with some shadows cast across the forest floor.

Freshwater ecosystems cover <1% of the planet but provide some of the most important ecosystem services. Freshwater populations are declining faster than terrestrial or marine^{1,2} and yet these systems receive less conservation investments than other ecosystems³.

1: Dudgeon et al. 2006. 2: Collen et al. 2014. 3: Darwall et al. 2011.





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Global freshwater species are going extinct twice as fast as land or ocean species.





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Where are we
going?



West River, Connecticut | Photo by Frank Slack

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