



Harms Wildlife Destroys Habitats

- Many aquatic animals like fish, salamanders, and insects use rocks as shelters or as nest sites.
- Moving, stacking, and creating dams or tube chutes alters stream flow and increases sediment pollution.
- Please do not disturb the homes of these unique stream animals. Leave rocks in the stream where they belong!

Leave Rocks Where They Are for Future Generations



Visitors to National Forests should not take anything with them but their experience.

It is illegal to collect river rocks.

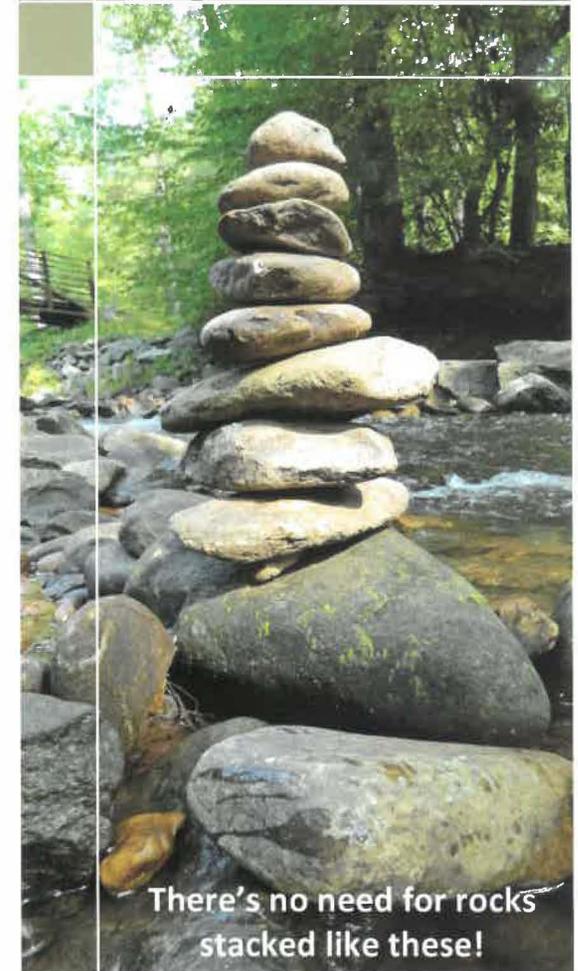
Please leave them be!

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DON'T MOVE THE ROCKS

By moving rocks, unique habitats are being destroyed, harming wildlife.



There's no need for rocks stacked like these!

Sensitive Species Live in Streams

- Hellbenders
- Darters
- Crayfish
- Mussels
- Invertebrates



Moving rocks can:

- alter stream habitat
- create unnatural pools that trap sediment
- injure or kill stream animals
- fill in the spaces between rocks needed by fish, salamanders, and crayfish

Pictured above: rock piles (cairns) remove important habitat from streams

Pictured right: Hellbender Salamander

