

## For 25 Years, A Mining Law Goes With The Flow



**(NAPSA)—CLEAN STREAMS** are just one of the benefits of The Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act which has now been a law for 25 years. Under the law, which was passed in 1977, mine operators must have a permit before developing a surface or underground coal mine. The law prohibits mining in national parks, forests, wildlife refuges and recreation areas. Prior to the law, fish and wildlife, historical, or cultural resources were seldom considered or preserved. Now the law protects our environment and streams like the one shown are flourishing. For more information, visit [www.osmre.gov](http://www.osmre.gov).