

# Why Do Mammals Need the Bitterroot River?



Mammals—like deer, beavers, otters, bears, and raccoons—need the Bitterroot River for food, water, and shelter!

They drink from the river, eat plants or fish that grow nearby, and make their homes in the river valley.

# A River Full of Life



A clean, healthy river gives mammals a place to live, find food, and care for their babies. If the river gets polluted or dries up, animals may have to move or could get sick.

## **Fun Fact:**

Beavers are river builders! They use sticks and mud to make dams and lodges right in the water.