

# DORIS THE WATER

## MOLECULE

and her adventures in the...

# Owens RIVER HEADWATERS

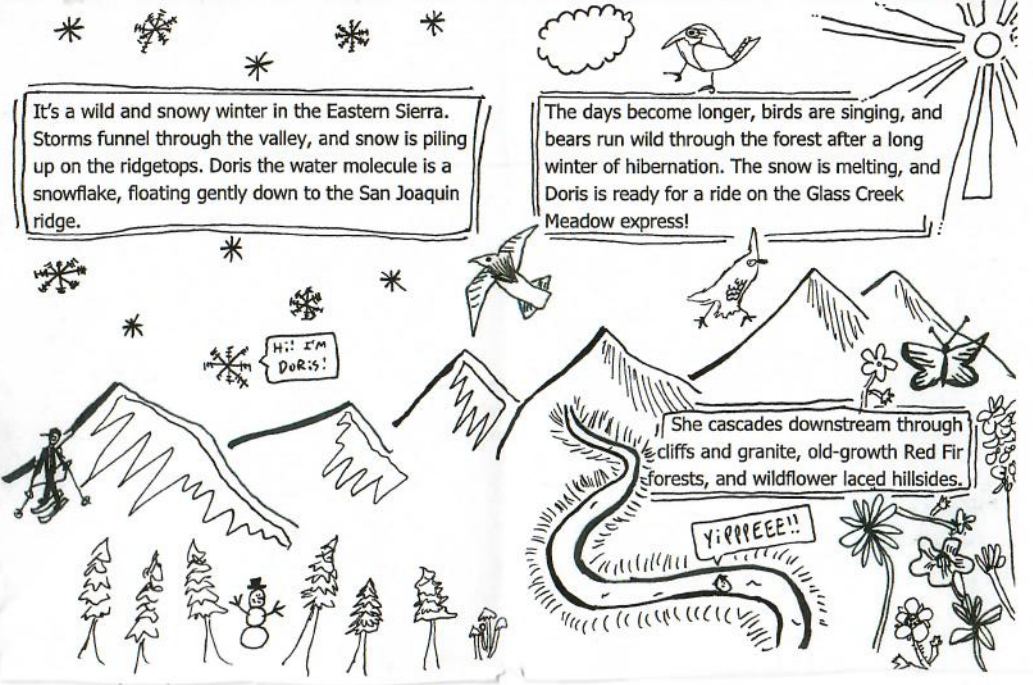


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A coloring storybook  
starring the ecological wonders of  
the **Owens River Headwaters**

**Wild and Scenic  
Watershed!**





It's a wild and snowy winter in the Eastern Sierra. Storms funnel through the valley, and snow is piling up on the ridgetops. Doris the water molecule is a snowflake, floating gently down to the San Joaquin ridge.

The days become longer, birds are singing, and bears run wild through the forest after a long winter of hibernation. The snow is melting, and Doris is ready for a ride on the Glass Creek Meadow express!

Hi!! I'M  
DORIS!

She cascades downstream through cliffs and granite, old-growth Red Fir forests, and wildflower laced hillsides.

YIPPEEE!!

Once she gets to the Glass Creek Meadow, Doris meets up with some special friends...

These friends love the meadow for food and shelter. She floats down the snake-like meadow channel, blissful as can be.

THIS IS THE LIFE!

**Peter the Northern Goshawk**

I AM HUNGRY!

I LIKE TO TAKE SHELTER FROM PREDATORS IN RED FIRS.

I LOVE HANGING IN THE SOIL.

**Ellie the Mountain Vole**

**Ginger the Pine Marten**

After a few days in the meadow, Doris makes it through a maze of spongey soil to the faster flowing creek.

**Franklin the Yosemite Toad**

WH OH! I BETTER HIDE FROM THAT PETER!

**Brooklyn the Brook Trout**

RIBBIT. I SURE DO LOVE THESE BUGS!

WOW! I LOVE THIS CLEAN WATER!

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BZZZZZ

She flies down Glass Creek Falls, looking up in amazement at the huge volcanic domes, evidence of a more explosive time in the Sierra Nevada. She sees huge piles of black obsidian, and white Pumice.

THIS IS A  
COOL  
WATERFALL

Doris continues her journey downstream, where she meets up with Owens River.

LOOK AT ALL  
THESE  
PEOPLE!  
WH OH!

Eventually the floor of the creek turns to concrete, and Doris is on her way to the City of Los Angeles.

Doris feels happy to have had such a WILD and SCENIC journey, accompanied by beautiful rocks, plants, and wonderful animal friends. She may be far away, but always remembers her mountain home, and can't wait to return there again someday.

**THE END.**

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The Owens River Headwaters became designated wilderness in 2009. It contains 19.1 miles of nationally designated Wild and Scenic rivers between Glass Creek, Deadman Creek, and Big Springs. It is the land of the Northern Paiute (*Kutzadika'a*), Western Mono/Monache, and Central Sierra Miwok. **To learn more about the Owens River Headwaters Wild and Scenic Watershed, check out:** [www.rivers.gov/rivers/](http://www.rivers.gov/rivers/)

**This storybook is aimed for ages 3-5.**

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