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Comments: The salmon river is both a destination for adventurers, and a habitat for many native species. As a teen I was taken rafting there. Being my first time rafting I was thrilled by the fast moving water, the giant rock formations and trees that I saw on the sides, and the amount of wildlife that I witnessed from the water. It was breathtaking, and we created memories that I will never forget. As much as I personally love the salmon river though, I realize that it is even more important to the many native species of plants and animals that live there. The chinook salmon alone are a vital part in the ecosystem there and need this river protected for their survival in the area. Salmon are a keystone species and without them the bears, eagles, and plant life will be impacted. As well as being a direct food source to predator animals, they provide a rich nutrient source for the forest floor proving nitrogen to the trees and plants. It is vital to the local ecosystem that this river remains intact.