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Comments: Dear Ms. Mathis:

I have the following comments regarding the Forest Plan Revision being prepared for Texas National Forests and Grasslands:

1.

All segments of the Neches River that flow through the NFGT, the East Fork of the San Jacinto River, and Winters Bayou in Sam Houston National Forest should be considered as wild, scenic, or recreational rivers in any study. Winters Bayou and one segment of the Neches River were considered eligible for the wild and scenic river status in the present 1996 Forest Plan. The East Fork of the San Jacinto River was left out of the wild and scenic river study in 1996 and should be considered now. The Sierra Club supports wild, scenic, or recreational river eligibility for these rivers. The FS should not disqualify any river segment solely based on the premise that other rivers in Texas or other states provide a similar wild, scenic, or recreational experience or ecological setting.

2) Big Creek and Winters Bayou Scenic Areas should be considered for wilderness eligibility due to their natural and untrammeled conditions.

Thank you for considering these comments.