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Comments: Dear USFS,

Attached is a video of the East River. I believe the East has the qualifications for designation as wild and scenic river.

From it's headwaters at Emerald Lake to the confluence at Almont with the Taylor it truly a unique and spectacular river.

It has a series of waterfalls culminating in one over 60 feet below Gothic. Great fishing also exists the entire length of the River. I have caught many cut throat trout, a rarer species than the rainbows and browns that inhabit other rivers.

I have canoed with my teenage daughter sections of the East. An adventure we both get a kick out of to this day. I also kayak above Cement Creek confluence where the river flows thru extremely scenic canyon at the base of Whetstone Mountain.

Having lived near the East River for over 40 years I have noticed it is a migratory waterway for many species of wild life. During a spring storm is a good time to see what gets flushed out of the sky and takes shelter on or near the river. We saw a flock of glossy ibis one April. Rarer ducks always pass thru. We saw a wood duck one time. Not that rare in other parts, but we never saw another.

It is also a buffer zone from the increasing pressures of civilization for human as well as wild creatures and deserves special designation.