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Comments: I have owned property in the North Fork for 38 years and have seen the massive increased use of the North Fork River. This has seriously degraded the quality of experiencing the river, both on the river and on the banks. Fish population has declined both in numbers and size of catch. Garbage and human waste are common problems on the West Bank. Fires are often too large for safety and sometimes left unattended. The North Fork has become more dangerous with the improvement of the road combined with much more traffic headed for the river. Visitors are often disrespectful of the NF environment.

I believe the following action must be taken to save what remains and perhaps

Recover some of what's been lost:

1. A permit system limiting floating must be put in place for both commercial and non-commercial use with much lower numbers of floaters than at present.

A seasonal permit should be available in limited numbers for NF residents- first come first served or lottery.

2. Barbless hooks must be required. Catch and release with barbed hooks just kills fish - of every species.

3. No new infrastructure

4. Parking permits to limit the number of vehicles according to parking spaces
5. Increase in the number of FS River managers with authority to punish violators
6. Limit to the size and season of fires
7. Greatly increased signage/information on river rules

It is my fervent hope that action will be taken.