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Comments: I recently became aware that the travel plan for Rapid River drainage is under review. I have travelled, by foot, extensively throughout Rapid River. I conducted many fish population surveys throughout that drainage over the past 30 years. Rapid River is a very unique drainage. Being relatively large and draining high elevation country, it is a very important cold water refuge for native salmonids in this section of the Salmon River basin. Rapid River is a stronghold for bull trout, a species that is vulnerable to habitat degradation.

Wildlife rely on their access to the riparian corridor of this steep, rugged, and often dry country. Human use would significantly increase if motorized travel is allowed into the drainage, displacing terrestrial wildlife and degrading riparian and instream habitat.

Therefore, I urge you to permanently prohibit motorized travel in the Wild Rapid River corridor and on lands adjacent to the Wild Rapid River.

I only learned about this travel management review through a notice from Idaho Conservation League. Wanting more information I tried to read up on existing management. However the link to the current 2010 special order did not work so I could not review it. Please fix this, and notify me when it is available.