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Comments: Please consider this message as our comment on the proposals about Rapid River travel management, No. 36507. I (George) grew up in Oregon, and we have friends who know the Hells Canyon area well.

We ask you to permanently prohibit motorized travel in the Wild Rapid River corridor and on lands adjacent to the Wild Rapid River. In our travels around the West we have seen the damage done by offroad vehicles, including accelerated erosion where ORVs deviated from the approved path, pollution of streams and trampling of riparian vegetation. We also saw ORVs with their noise wrecking the natural quiet of a wild river valley and ruining the outdoor experience for visitors who came to hike, watch wildlife, photograph, and enjoy the sounds of nature.

Please bar motorized travel in this area to protect water quality, fisheries, traditional cultural use, and cultural resources.

Thank you for considering our thoughts.