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Comments: To Whom it May Concern,

I write to voice my opinion that the designations set in the 2010 Special Designation order was appropriate and fitting with the character of the lands surrounding Rapid River and the Wild and Scenic River area. As a hiker and backpacker who has used these trails and enjoyed this area for the past 20 years, it would be disappointing to see motorized use encroach upon this relatively untouched gem in the Gem State.

While consistency in management policy is a worthwhile pursuit, the benefit of changing the current designation disproportionately harms the non-motorized user. The trail miles affected by the proposed changes are insignificant for the motorized user, while they represent days of non-motorized enjoyment, and change the character of the trails for non-motorized users drastically.

Rapid River is widely known throughout the Northwest as a prime shoulder season destination for hikers. Please do not make changes that could negatively impact non-motorized use on this beautiful trail system.