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Comments: The Cottonwood Creek draft plan:

- \*Should add recreation as an Outstanding Remarkable Value for fishing, hiking, camping, hunting

- \*Needs to add Geology as an Outstanding Remarkable Value due to the presence of many important and unique geological features. These include Lower Cambrian Trilobites, which are the subject of ongoing research at White Mountain Research Station.

- \*Should recognize the eligible tributaries of Cottonwood, as they contribute to its Outstanding Remarkable Values. These include 3.7 miles of South Fork Cottonwood Creek and 3.4 miles of Poison Creek.

- \*Should recommend the present options for permanently retiring the Cottonwood Creek grazing allotment to protect the Outstanding Remarkable Values of botany, fisheries, and wildlife.

- \*Should incorporate an annual monitoring plan.

The Owens River Headwaters draft plan:

- \*Must analyze current and projected groundwater extraction from the watersheds of Deadman, Glass and Dry Creeks.

- \*Should also include the realistic impacts of climate change and chronic drought in identifying potential flow impacts on the WSR.

- \*Should provide more information on potential water pollution sources and propose actions to resolve the accompanying water quality problem.

- \*Should expand the Outstanding Remarkable Values for scenery, botany, hydrology (such as including Big Springs) and ecology due to the Owens River Headwater's highly variable and diverse river systems.

- \*Needs to be revised to incorporate recreational use data over multiple years.

- \*Should also include management actions that protect the river corridor from water contamination

- \*Should incorporate an annual monitoring plan. Components of the monitoring plan include surveys for water quality, wildlife-including Yosemite Toad and spring snails-recreation use, and riparian health.