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Comments: Our rivers are some of the most important assets on the Grand Mesa Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forest. All free-flowing rivers with outstandingly remarkable values must be found as eligible for wild and scenic protections. In particular, I support Wild & Digital Scenic eligibility for all the river, creek, and stream segments described at https://ourcowaters.org/gmug/ These waters provide rare habitat for many important species. After 10 years of co-founding and working with the San Juan Corridors Coalition to preserve wildlife habitat and corridors in the northwest San Juan Mountains, I developed a new appreciation of the centrality of rivers in geographical ecosystems. If those ecosystems are to be preserved, the rivers must be protected from pollution, from barriers or activity that would inhibit wildlife access, from overuse for irrigation or other human enterprises, and from residential and commercial developments. Thank you for your consideration.