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Comments: I am grateful to you for the determination in the Piru Creek Comprehensive River Management Plan that the designated segment of Piru Creek possesses outstanding scenery, fish, and geology values. However, I urge you to also include the creek's rare and unique recreational opportunities as a specific outstandingly remarkable value protected in the Plan.

I love white water rafting and even though I have never been to Piru Creek, I understand it provides a rare opportunity for class III-IV whitewater kayaking in a truly wild setting, all just an hour drive from Los Angeles. We can't pass up an opportunity to make this available to Californians - of which there are many, as you know ;-)

In addition, the trackless Wild segment of Piru Creek offers a rare but easily accessible canyoneering experience, while Frenchman's Flat upstream is a popular family recreation destination for local communities of color to seek respite from the summer heat. This is super important in a warming world.

I urge you to recognize Piru Creek's outstanding recreational value. I support the proposed and potential future management actions in the draft CRMP and urge the U.S. Forest Service to complete its visitor use capacity analysis as soon as possible.