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Comments: Dear Supervisor Torres:

I was born and raised in Ventura County. I left for college, lived in many places across the country, and decided to return to Ventura County specifically because its natural beauty, access to incredible outdoor recreation areas, and the incredible Los Padres National Forest.

I deeply appreciate you determining in the Piru Creek Comprehensive River Management Plan that the designated segment of Piru Creek possesses outstanding scenery, fish, and geology values. I hope you will now consider including the creek's rare and unique recreational opportunities as a specific outstandingly remarkable value protected in the Plan.

Piru Creek between Pyramid Dam and Piru Reservoir provides a rare opportunity for class III-IV whitewater kayaking in a truly wild setting, all just an hour drive from Los Angeles. How amazing and special is that?!

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. A short segment of the creek is also one of only two catch and release trout streams in southern California and is popular with anglers.

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.

Thank you so much for your time and energy on this!

Warmly,

Annie Nyborg