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Comments: I would like to encourage the Forest Service to include recreational paddling options for the Piru in their management plan. I kayaked the Piru a couple times while living in the Los Angeles area and after moving to northern California and paddling many of the great rivers in our state, I eagerly came back down south specifically to paddle the Piru again. Not only is it one of the closest rivers to the large southern California population centers, but it really is an outstanding wilderness paddle that can draw people from far away. The ability to have reliable and predictable flows on the middle and lower sections would make it that much more attractive and popular. I know many kayakers in northern California who would definitely make a trip down to paddle, especially if releases happened after the spring runoff. So please make sure to include kayaking and recreational releases in your management plan for the Piru.

Here is a writeup and some pictures/video of one of my kayaking trips :)
https://paddlecalifornia.blogspot.com/2011/04/patience-pays-off-with-perfect-paddling.html

Thank you,
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