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Comments: Protection of our greatest resource, clean water, is absolutely essential. I understand the ideology of fixing issues at the source, on the banks and access points to the waterways. In my own experience of seeing the damage first hand, you must look beyond the actual damage to the bigger picture.

Anytime there are heavily used trails that are smooth as pavement, you see massive amounts of sediment and silt runoff is astounding. When there are no natural barriers such as large rock, it's inevitable that soil gives way.

In the

past decade our area has exploded with tourism. The forest is no longer remote and secluded, instead it's over crowded and abused. Our waterways are the largest attractions, specifically in the summer season. Foot trails leading off the road banks have washed out to steep, slick drop offs straight into the river. A funnel if you will, to direct runoff.

The issue is much greater then just at culverts and ford's. Dupont is a prime example of the effects of run off into waterways. The aquatic life is almost nonexistent in the rivers there, compared to 15 years ago. It's a constant battle trying to maintain the freeway of trails to prevent the erosion, and it's only getting worse as more of the trails are being cleared of the natural rock and vegetation for a better user experience.