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Comments: Thank you Forest Service for working hard every day to protect the planet from the ever-increasing exploitation by mankind. I respect what you are trying to accomplish and agree that we need to protect these sacred places and resources. It's terribly sad the way people treat this planet.

100% OF PERMITS SHOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR ALL PUBLIC TO ACCESS FOR FREE.

After attending your presentation at FVCC and reading the provided information, it is clear that you are going to force a permit system. When you inevitably limit our access (2-3 years from now?), it is my opinion that 100% of permits should be available for ALL PUBLIC to access for free. There should be no permit allocation exclusively for guides/outfitters. Guides/outfitters may apply for permits the same as everyone else. If someone draws a permit and needs a guide/outfitter, they can hire one after they have a permit.

Please don't sell our Public Waters access to these Private, For-Profit, companies. Please don't create another river that the wealthy dominate and the rest of us normal, capable, DIY boaters have severely limited access to. These Private, For-Profit, companies should not have exclusive access to run PUBLIC rivers on a regular basis? Give the Average Joe a Fair Chance.

Minimize impact:

Strictly enforce "Leave No Trace" principles.

Require a groover or wag bags for ALL groups, day trips and overnights.

Require some type of trash receptacle/container for ALL groups, day trips and overnights. (Sometimes rafts flip.)

Establish unreasonably heavy fines for leaving feces or litter along these rivers. (If someone leaves BOTH feces and toilet paper (litter), they should be fined for both/each.)

No vehicles on sand bars except during put in and take-out of watercraft and gear.

I hope the Forest Service ignores the selfish comments of those who own property along the river and complain about others enjoying the river. They do not own the river, it is public. I hope the Forest Service ignores the selfish comments of those who complain because others utilizing their favorite swimming hole. You do not own the river, it is public. If they don't like people recreating in the public river, they are free to swim elsewhere and/or sell their cabin and move. 335 million Americans and these people think they deserve exclusive access... sad.

Thank you again for caring and for hearing us out.