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Re: Comments on the Comprehensive River Management Plan Proposed Action

Dear Supervisor Botello;

Please accept these comments on your Comprehensive River Management Plan (CRMP) Proposed Action (PA) into the public record.

Here are the top 5 points that I would like to see addressed in the CRMP.

Local indigenous voices and considerations.

Transparency in data and methods used to write the CRMP and future data collection intentions.

Wildlife concerns regarding habitat degradation.

Limiting outfitting in favor of resource quality.

Closing areas that need habitat restoration while the CRMP is being finished or plans implemented.

Here are a few points that I like in the CRMP:

Mandatory, free float permit for private parties for data acquisition.

Prohibiting motor vehicle camping or parking on gravel bars in areas that can be accessed by them.

Requiring metal fire pans or fire blankets for campfires.

Noise levels that cannot exceed 60 decibels at 50 feet.

Sincerely,

Marea Kuehl