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Comments: Dear Forest Service,

1. Please practice your ability and better judgement and provide transparent communication on how your user capacities were decided and whether or not you sought input from private user groups. There are numerous voices that are unheard when river management plans go into place. Have you sought input from The American Packrafting Association?
2. I am not in opposition of the conservation of this river and favor the permitting system, but these permits should remain free and available to users. Attaching a price to these opportunities excludes several demographics of users, and feels intentionally exclusive. The outdoors should not be a place of "pay to play".
3. Leave no trace is critical culture of river recreation. Those who chose to spend their time in these spaces want to see them conserved for themselves and others. Please consider flexibility in your waste management solutions, because it cannot always be one size fits all. There are smaller groups looking to enjoy these spaces responsibly.
4. Please provide clarity on how private recreationists are considered in this new management plan and are separate from guided and commercial groups. There are VERY different impact levels between the two.
5. Please do not make getting outdoors harder. There is little left for human enjoyment, particularly in a turbulent country like ours, and these spaces save lives.

Thank you,
Kimberlee