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Comments: Dear Forest Service,

I am a scouter and outdoor enthusiast with training in low-impact camping and Leave No Trace principles. I have enjoyed private recreational rafting and packrafting for many years. I respectfully request that you consider the low environmental impact of packrafters when developing your management plan. Packrafters typically care deeply about the environment and actively practice and support sustainable outdoor recreation.

We are witnessing a concerning trend of diminishing access to outdoor spaces. I urge you to consider a management plan that allows for continued free access. We would support measures such as mandatory float permits, packing out waste, and using fire pans and waste containment systems that are compatible with packrafting.

Perhaps a system could be implemented to monitor user experiences, tracking congestion and river conditions while taking into account the dates of visits. Prohibiting private paddlers only serves to commercialize access to our natural resources. Please protect the right of private paddlers to enjoy these areas.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Jeremy Call