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Comments: I believe our precious lands should be cared for and preserved. I don't believe we need to make the opportunity to experience this river unnecessarily burdensome to access. Whatever decision is made, I think it's important to differentiate the kind of use and not lump every user as the same impact. For instance private packrafters are usually in smaller groups than commercial outfitters and groups who use large rafts- resulting in less impact on the environment. If stricter regs are created for fire pans and waste containment systems, please recognize the need private packrafters have to carry light, so allowing flexibility in the size of the pans and systems required should facilitate reasonable pack loads (that can fit on or in a small packraft reasonably).

My preference and hope is that we can use free, mandatory float permits to monitor usage without restricting access. It would also be great for the forest service to clarify how private paddlers are managed differently from outfitters. In comparison, the national park system of reservations is getting too extreme and difficult for many to access. The lottery on the Smith makes it nearly impossible to get on that river. We can do more visitor tracking to manage usage vs creating burdensome restrictions.