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My wife and I live next to the Northfork River just above Ford River Access. We see first-hand Northfork River use, and behaviors at Ford put-in and take-out. Increasingly, we are seeing inappropriate use of this section of river with respect to its wild and scenic river designation. There is:

- loud music being played from rafts (observed too many times to count),
- the glacier side of the river used for stopping points (Observed too many times to count),
- shooting of handguns from rafts into river banks (observed only once),
- Cutthroat trout are NOT being released (observed too many times to count),
- Trespass and camping on private property above the high-water mark, including ours,
- Adjacent river property, both private and public beings used as bathrooms,
- Public intoxication (too many times to mention),
- Food being tossed or left on the sides of the river thus being bear attractants,
- other issues, again too many to mention.

The same is true of Ford put in and take out: all of the above including extensive shooting (in violation of Forest Service shooting rules), fireworks (again in violation of Forest Service rules), and food not properly stored.

The current proposal for this section of the Northfork from the border to Big Creek is simply too much. We recommend some restriction of permits, both private and guided.

Perhaps our biggest concern is enforcement. We have seen the River Rangers only once, and Forest Service Law Enforcement never, despite phoning in complaints about the above issues. We understand resources are limited and sympathize, but simply put, you have to do better. Please put into your comprehensive plan the resources to enforce whatever is finally decided. If the resources are not there for regular enforcement, all this is meaningless.

Regards, Kevin and Emily OBryan 13875 Northfork Road.