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Comments: As someone who has a cabin in Essex I do not like the idea of having to get a permit to float the river. A large part of the reason we have a cabin there is the rafting. If we're not going to be allowed to use the resource at will it does not make sense to stay and it doesn't make the area as desirable. Part of the problem is the large number of commercial rafting trips that are allowed to use the river. It would be nice to charge them substantially more for permitting and restrict the amount of trips they can take in a day. Often times you cannot launch a boat in a reasonable amount of time because of the commercial use. Permitting and restricting the locals is not the answer. I would hate to see it end up in a lottery system like the smith river and I know if that is the case we will most likely sell our property to find a more advantageous recreation area.