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Comments: In an effort to balance public use of this resource, with protection of the habitat, I would advocate for an unrestricted, paid permit for use, broken down into commercial, individual non-resident, and resident use categories, with fees for permits designated by category.

The funds from permits can be used to maintain river access areas, fund personnel for enforcement, and research into habitat effects and future sustainability.

The permits should NOT be limited to a number of days due to remote access points, but require each permit holder to have attested to watching a river safety and habitat educational video, available online - similar to that provided for backcountry campers in GNP.

Permits should be able to be obtained online, or at common launch points to avoid inadvertently restricting use due to permit access limitations.

I am in agreement that noise restrictions, eliminating drones, loud speakers, etc should be enforced to protect the tranquility of the river and habitat.

I am opposed to motorized access camping on sandbars and low water line areas for safety reasons.

I would survey each permit holder in the fall regarding nature of use, river craft type, frequency of use and observations with voluntary participation that may help further define best future options for habitat maintenance