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I would like to voice my concern as a US citizen and whitewater boating enthusiast. I fully support establishment of the ability of the public to access the river. I feel that the Forest Service has sold out to private concerns in continuing to enforce a no boating policy. Other recreational uses continue to be promoted with little to no reasoning by the F.S.as to the exclusion of boating. Eventually the F.S. will lose--the public has a RIGHT to access rivers. Frankly I would be ashamed if I were a F.S. worker and would complain to my coworkers and superiors about the true nature of our mission. Are we to be stewards of public lands, ensuring access by all Americans or the regulatory apparatachicks of private concerns that ensure limited public access??
Open the river--it is a bit more work on your part. But why exactly are we paying you?
Cordially,
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