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This statement in your document pretty much sums up what is wrong with this whole scene:

"Alternative 4 is designed specifically to protect

and enhance outstanding trout fishing."

Here is all you have to do to create a solution that is the right thing to do:

TREAT ALL USERS EQUALLY. YOU KNOW QUITE WELL, IN YOUR HEARTS, THAT BOATING IS OF EQUAL OR LESSER IMPACT THAN FISHING, HIKING, AND THE LIKE. SO IF BOATERS AREN'T GOING TO IMPACT THE RIVER CORRIDOR MORE NEGATIVELY THAN ANY OTHER CURRENTLY UNRESTRICTED USER, THEN GIVE THEM EQUAL ACCESS. IF ADDING BOATERS INCREASES VISITATION TO THE POINT OF UNDESIRED OUTCOMES FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, THEN HOW ABOUT RESTRICTING ALL USERS??? I HAVE LOST 90% OF MY RESPECT FOR THE USFS OVER THIS. BUT YOU CAN STILL COME BACK FULL FROM 10%. AND DON'T FORGET WE ALL PAY YOUR SALARY, NOT JUST THE FILTHY RICH PEOPLE IN HIGHLANDS AND THE NARROW MINDED FISHERMEN WHO DON'T KNOW HOW TO SHARE.

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