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I recommend that the Forest Service implement Alternative 3. No-boating alternatives would better protect and preserve this unique wilderness area. Boaters currently have access to many miles of allowed boating area with similar whitewater levels of activity.
I don't really understand the need to have access to this small additional amount of river.

I personally feel that the majority of kayakers and canoeists are good folks and the majority would respect the presence of fisherfolks in the water and respect the river. There are always the few that are not nice people and would cause problems.
There are many streams that boaters and fisherfolks share. Therein lies part of the argument against allowing boating access. There are plenty of water courses already available for boaters and opening sensitive, wilderness areas to increased activity is counterproductive and only rewards a few people. If boating access is allowed I have little optimism that the occasional paddlers that rent rafts for the day will have much respect for the fisherfolk or more importantly respect for the river. Trampled ecosystems, increased opportunity to spread the hemlock adelgid and trash in all the nooks and crannies I fear would be the result. All these issues can result in a destructive downward spiral for a sensitive wilderness area or for any area for that matter.

Respectfully,

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