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Dear U.S. Forest Service,

I am a whitewater canoer and hiker. I've hiked the section causing all the current ruckus. This is an expert only run that very few will do. I will never paddle it, it's too hard for me. The window of proper water level is very narrow, and the chances of it occuring on a weekend are low. Whitewater paddlers are environmentalists and don't harm the river.

The harm that I see is due to the foot traffic, which has trampled parts of the stream bank.

This is not a battle worth all the hullaballoo. We need more people in the forests to grow advocates.

I support Alternatives 4 or 8, with wider boating opportunities.

Sincerely,

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