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I wanted to take a moment and provide short personal comments on the draft EA. First and foremost with the millions of dollars in public money, all the professional consultants and the many hours of public input that went into crafting the draft EA I had expectations of a much more comprehensive document that would look at all Wilderness compliant recreational uses in an unbiased way. I guess I was naive to think that could happen.

Alternatives proposed in the draft EA violate the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, the Wilderness Act and do not comply with the NEPA process for the following reasons:

1) The draft EA does not meet the mandate of the ROD for the AW appeal of the RLRMP.

2) The draft EA is not a user capacity analysis.

2) The draft EA is biased towards a single user group, trout fishermen, and attempts to create and then manage conflict where non exist.

4) The EA is not equitable in its proposed treatment of Wilderness compliant recreational uses and does not look at all users of the resource.

5) Flow levels in Alternative 4 are arbitrary and have no basis.

6) Seasonal restrictions in Alternative 4 are arbitrary and have no basis.

7) Ongoing previsions for adaptive management are not included in the draft EA.

In short, the draft EA offers few facts, many opinions, much discussion, finds no significant impacts of allowing paddling and then proposes to ban virtually all boating anyway.

I would ask that you give very careful consideration to the thoughtful comments filed by Kevin Colburn on behalf of American Whitewater.

- Mark Singleton