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Francis,
This is to inform you of my opinion of the forest service's " alternative #4". Once again the USFS has sided with the fisherman who want a private river. This proposal is just more of the same things that we have been hearing for 30 years. The proposal talks about limiting my right to paddle on the surface of the water because of a " biologically sensitive area" but does not limit the fisherman who are WALKING on the river bottom assaulting the "sensitive" fish with a sharp object. And I don't buy into the catch and release idea either. Being a fisherman/ hunter/ BOATER I know first hand that a sizeable percentage of the fish caught and released die from the experience. If the area is so sensitive why don't you limit the size and number of ALL user groups? Why in almost every one of the USFS alternatives are boaters the only user group regulated? Not one of alternatives limited hikers nor fishing, why is this? If it is as sensitive as the USFS wants the boating community to think it is there would be things such as "no fishing at flows below 50 cfs" or " no hiking after 1 inch or more of rain". But we don't see these things in ANY of the alternatives. All we see are "no boating below 450 CFS".
I feel that it is time for American White Water to file suit against the USFS. I believe that at this point it is the only way that we (the paddling community) will get fair and impartial treatment. I also feel that it is unfortunate that the USFS is willing to waist the taxpayers money fighting this battle. The boating ban is unfair and has to go. Why should one user group have rights that supersede another's?
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