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Hello,

My name is Matthew Phillips of El Dorado County. I am a whitewater kayaker and enjoy the recreational use of the Pit river summer flows. I know many other whitewater enthusiasts and whitewater kayakers thoroughly enjoy these summer releases. Permanently canceling these summer releases would be extremely disappointing to me and many of my friends as well as the entire whitewater community. Many of us travel great distances to use the pit river for recreational purposes. It is very sad to see that invasive species have moved into this river from previous cancelations, and permanently canceling these flows would be doing a great amount of damage to the beautiful natural landscapes which have already been altered enough as it is by the dam. I am very concerned with the proposal to eliminate these flows completely especially since this river has already been degraded enough by the dam and canceling the flows would only further the degradation of mother nature. I strongly oppose canceling these special releases or any other release on a dammed river. We should be granted these flows forever.

If you have any questions feel free to call me 916 803 3737

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