

Eminence Open House
Ozark National Scenic Riverways
Public Comment on Preliminary Alternatives*
June 23, 2009

Overview

The public comments provided below were recorded on flip charts during the Eminence Open House, held at the Eminence High School gym on June 23, 2009. A total of 323 people attended (signed in). At this open house the public was invited to provide their comments on the preliminary alternatives for the Ozark National Scenic Riverways General Management Plan. Here is some information to help you understand what is shown on the transcribed flip charts:

- National Park Service employees have typed up this record from the original flipchart pages, and every effort was made to type everything as originally written. We apologize in advance if any mistakes were made in transcribing these notes from the original.
- At the meetings, most flip chart comments were recorded by National Park Service staff. The name or initials of the recorder(s) is usually noted at the top of the first page.
- There were four open house stations, each one labeled for one of the alternatives—No Action Alternative; Alternative A; Alternative B; Alternative C. There were usually two flip charts at each station. (Different labeling and numbering approaches were used by the recorders to distinguish between the two sets of flipchart notes.)
- Each flip chart page was numbered. Next to the number is a letter to identify at which station the comment was recorded (and sometimes which flipchart):
 - N, NA—No Action alternative station
 - A—alternative A station
 - B—alternative B station
 - C—alternative C station
- The recorders sometimes abbreviated words. Some of the common abbreviations are:
 - HP—horsepower
 - NPS—National Park Service
 - BS—Big Spring
 - VB—Van Buren
 - LE—law enforcement
 - JF—Jacks Fork
 - TR—Two Rivers
 - RS— Round Spring

****Note:*** Handwritten comments that were placed in the comment boxes at the open houses have been recorded into the comment database separately.

EMINENCE 06/23/09:

Greg Moss, Rick Drummond, and Brett Painter

NA-01

- Leave It Alone
- We need more (LE) Rangers (For General LE)
- Locals feel they have no voice
- Leave the River Alone (Motorboats)
- The river itself should regulate the size of the motors (i.e, No Limits)
- Why should anyone have any say so on our local rivers?

NA-02

- Education of Tubers & Canoers on jet boat operations (Esp. around drowned trees, root wads, shoals, etc.)
- Who does rescues if you take our motors away (or reduce size limits)
 - Smaller boats flip easier
- Jet boats are the most safe recreation vehicle in MO (By Dale Counts) & MO water patrol.
- Local jet boats rescue more tubers than any NPS ranger.

NA-03

- No Horsepower Restrictions
 - Lower HP creates a bigger wake
 - No pollution difference with HP
- NPS needs to pay taxes on their lands
- Leave Rivers alone: no more regs; enforce what you got!
- Stop canoeists from polluting rivers (*more so than motor boaters)
- Fix roads (Ex. Welch Cave Hole)/Access
- More seasonal periods for boaters
 - Ex. Tuesday VS Saturday (no size limits)
 - EX. October/winter VS July/August with size limits

NA-04

- The river is our way of life
 - Eminence Residence
- More Protection (IE. More Rangers) of Resources
- More Patrols (Road/Boat) to protect rivers (fewer rangers/people in bushes)
- More control over canoe concessions (They don't follow the rules & put illegal unmarked boats on the river.)

NA-05

- Motorboats (Jet) save lives, but smaller boats won't help
 - Smaller motors = bigger wakes=more tubers flipping over

- Describe operations difference between jet & Prop (ex. Steering, wake, control, etc.)
- More citations are written to Tubers/Canoes than to motor boats.
 - Look up the stats!
 - Need more restrictions on tubes & canoeists.
- More mowing/open field management
 - Less NPS mileage = more mowing

NA-06

- Leave caves alone: Let people go into them
- More rangers patrolling river for all protection of people & resources and for prevention or education of floaters/boaters.

EMINENCE 6/23/09 (No Action)

Brett Painter, Rick Drummond, Greg Moss

NA-101

- I would like to leave motor boat areas the same, also like to canoe, leave roads open to access river at different places, for areas away from other people.
- Keep roads open to spread people to different locations, prevent congestion at any one spot.
- Keep horse access open, it is a traditional use – no changes to current management. Get volunteer help with problems – clean-up – work with other groups.

NA-102

- No changes to Current/Jacks Fork management plan – Don't want any roads or trails closed.
- There should not be any Horsepower limits on outboard motors – there weren't problems back when we could run bigger motors.
- Don't close any river crossings, roads or river accesses – for use, remove gravel from the river – rate the horsepower at jet unit.

NA-103

- Park Rangers more visible on river – would help, more rangers allow for enforcement of current laws like highway patrol on the highway. This should be a family place, more education for canoers on how boats run.
- Boaters should be able to have their family at the river without bad language and behavior – currently bad.

NA-104

- Tourists and home people need to better work together to make it a safe happy time for everyone.
- Please let us determine resolutions to any problems that occur or arise. We can find cooperative solutions if we are aware of the difficulties, environmental or otherwise.

- Any problems with boats can be resolved through/by courteous action on the river. Education of/by/for those who use the river.

NA-105

- Fallen trees in river need to be cleaned out of rivers.
- Fix motor boat accesses – clean out gravel.
- Have the park reach out to boaters to get help cleaning trash out of the river.
- Park Rangers/rentals educate canoers on how to deal around Power boats – how to give boats room, get along.

NA-106

- More interpretation, education –
- No motorized boat from Round Spring up stream – that area mainly. Do not like the noise of jet outboards.
- Keep the rivers pristine and natural as possible – like it should be.
- No motorized vehicles near or around the river.

NA-107

- A lot of problems on the river are alcohol related – arrest people for being drunk on the river.
- Open up more campsites along the river around Roberts Field – volunteers would be willing to open them up – would like restrooms at Roberts Field.
- HP limit should be the same below Van Buren, 40 HP is big enough.

NA-108

- Outboard motor HP should be measured at the jet if they have a jet.
- Taking jet boats off river would take a source of aid, safety backup off the river – Boaters often assist canoers/tubers who are in distress.
- In favor of “No Action” alternative.

NA-109

- I support "No Action" because I am concerned about HP limits because in order to take my family (5 people) on the river, a smaller motor would not allow this.
- I believe the 60/40 hp jet should be not changed – the current zones are appropriate.

NA-110

- If there are any actions taken – it should be returned to the former landowners/their heirs.
- If there are further restrictions all user groups lose.
- Present HP limits are at minimum now.

NA-111

- Current conditions are acceptable because they do not adequately represent the Ozark Culture –
 - 1) less populated river
 - 2) more suited to family activities
- Restrict number of rented canoes on any given section of the river.
- Require people to abide by Park Regulations.
- Control ATV use/River access – Keep them out of the river.

NA-112

- No-change in HP regulations – Measure HP at the jet
- Open up old fields
- Don't close any river accesses
- No closure to 2 track roads/traces.

NA-113

- Zones are bad, they will concentrate groups and activities in smaller areas risking environmental damage to these areas.

- The Park Service is causing environmental damage to the river through non-management:
 - Refuse to remove gravel that is choking the river
 - Refuse to remove problem trees that fall into the river causing streambed erosion
 - Lack of maint. at access points causes erosion.

NA-114

- More horse access in the Alley Spring Area – connecting North road and Indian Pond RD
- NPS road numbers are confusing and need to match with old county road numbers for emergency response and safety.

NA-115

- Keep drunks and people on drugs off of the river
- Keep the roads and trails open, keep boat accesses open
- Provide more resources for recreationist, i.e. Bathrooms, Hitching Posts, More NPS personnel on river in boats and canoes.
- Unrestricted recreational use – i.e. boating, canoeing, horse use would be allowed.
- Do not limit number of park users.
- Provide season long cultural demonstrations, i.e. blacksmithing, woodworking, food/native food preparation not just lye soap and blacksmithing.

NA-116

- More horse trails – all over park, i.e. Up and down both rivers.
- No further restrictions of power boats for local peoples use of the river.
- More access to the river – for primitive drive-in, camping to accommodate people utilizing former home place.
- Need to open up old fields, i.e. Bushhog – no food for game and wild horses anymore, put out food plots.
- Open caves back up, any that are closed.

NA-117

- I think the HP limits are good, don't change the current areas that allow 40 HP motors if you get a smaller motor you just cant move your family up the river.
- Jets are safer than props – they will not cut anyone up.
- Need more boat ramps between Two Rivers and Waymeyer – would ease crowding at existing ramps.
- More education efforts about proper behavior/boater/canoer courtesy

NA-118

- No Action is the least of the 4 evils.

Ozark Eminence: Alternative A: Rusty Rawson, Wendell Bailey, Kevin Crister
6/23/2009

A-1

- I support controlled use of the rivers so individuals have a better experience or a more worthwhile experience while enjoying the resource.
- Would like to see more patrols on the river to enforce speed instead of horsepower controls
- Why punish the locals who keep the river clean. (No horsepower restrictions.)
- Work with local boaters for canoers to realize motor boats work

A-3

- If it's not broken don't fix it.
- Keep the river pristine. Continue to educate people on the cause and effect of their actions. Limit the amount of canoes that can be on the river at any one time. Similar to the boundary waters in Canada. Protect the wildlife.
- I'm 17. I love this area and I want my grandchildren to enjoy it too. The wildlife needs to be protected first and foremost so it can be preserved. Limit number of canoes but people can still experience this place.

A-5

- If you limit access to any group. All have lost!
- What about access to the handicapped, emergency runs, fire?
- How many canoeists have been helped by folks in motorized boats?
- No documentation that motorboats/horsepower cause problems on the river.

A-7

- I think the number of canoes should be limited and in the primitive areas there should be no motorized boats allowed. I have been coming here since I was born and am the third generation of my family to be here. I want my children's grand children to experience the same wildlife that I do today.
- Prime Directive: Preserve and Protect.
- I think the NPS is a funded personal politics rule. All the boats should be left as is. We complied to your law ONCE. Not to mention damage to the local economy IE: gas stations, grocery stores, Ice companies – Our local revenue will be harmed! Quit hiding in Camo in the woods and do real policing of tubes, canoes, etc.

A-9

- Please don't take the river away from the people. It belongs to us! Thank You!
- Why doesn't the park service like local people? Why do they cater to the tourists?
- I believe present management is the best for everyone.
- Leave it like it is.

A-11

- Organize groups of canoers and motorboaters – volunteers patterned after the back country Horsemen to help the park service to keep the river clean.
- Why does the Park Service do nothing about exotics on the rivers? It has over grown all of the natural communities.
- If the Park Service would pay their taxes on the land they hold, it would greatly help surrounding communities.

A-13

- I want the cemeteries that are on Park property and the roads to them to be maintained properly so that you can get to them.
- When there is a natural disaster what does the park Service have to offer? For example manpower, chainsaws, heavy equipment, etc.
- No closing roads! The roads are there for a reason!

A-15

- I wish the Park Service was more friendly and supported the communities better.
- Let's eliminate canoe rentals from Memorial Day to labor day.
- At least limit the number of them
- I think the Park Service need to take care of what they have rather than taking more. Clean up the area that you've got.

A-17

- Enforce the drug policies better.
- No guns on school property unless there is an actual emergency. For example Rangers attended a funeral and had their guns.
- Limit canoes to more shallow portions of the river. Leave the rest of the river for the boaters.
- More designated trails for horseback riding. Jacks Fork and Current River areas. (For all alternatives)

A-19

- Horsepower on outboards should be figured at the nozzle or prop – not the head. (For all alternatives)
- For safety concerns designate floating and canoeing areas separate from power boats. (For all alternatives)
- Manage old farm places and farms and not brush piles. Grow crops and everything a farm is supposed to be for.
- Encourage pride in pristine rivers we have, (Like monetary return on canoe rental for bringing in bags of trash picked from river.)
- Against farming with use of fertilizers and pesticides which pollute the river.

A-2

- Wasted Timber on park Land not allowed to be harvested/wasting

- The river is full of gravel because the NPS won't allow it to be cleaned up or harvested.
- No swimming hole & no place for fish
- Let country people make the changes; country folks don't make the rules in the city.
- Don't change horsepower of boat motors.
- Canoe rentals bring bad behavior but we are not responsible.
- Blown down trees rot before they are harvested.
- Should have right to kill rattlesnakes
- Need to enforce the rules they got – drinking canoeists and boaters are the problem.

A-4

- Take care of hellbenders
- Move rattlesnakes with a shovel
- Norman Bates & Rattle snakes
- Do not need to expand any more
- Cannot afford to limit tourists in this area – it'll kill our town.
- Keep the ATV's out period. There are Chadwick, Sutton's Bluff, St. Joe's State Park.
- Open all accesses that have closed. If you can't access it ... what good is it?
- Close all illegal access including ones Shannon County Opens.
- The plan appears to limit access by all people – including local folks as well.
- Limiting access makes it hard on folks.
- Limiting access curtails commercial business.

A-6

- Need to harvest wood rather than letting it rot.
- Need to pile logs into river and let them float down.
- Alternative A is devastating in every way:
- Recreation would be restricted for local people.
- Local economies for Shannon, Reynolds, Carter would lose revenues – Tax
- No limits on boat motor HP
- Larger Motor will use less gas at same speed as a smaller motor.
- How can government come out with a law to measure HP at a lower unit for standardizing? How is there talk about measuring power at the head?
- How can the Park Service make a law for no hp on J-Fork without an open Forum?
- Main concern is that local residents have invested in boats & NPS is wanting to make a law to remove ALL motors in some Areas?

A-8

- If take the boats off the river = taking any safety for helping people who capsize and get into trouble.
- What is it the Park Service is managing?
- Can't have regular camping and yet 2 tents, 6 people, 2 vehicles, 6 people???

- Why when we mow and maintain outlying areas do we get limited as local people to 14 days?
- Leave the boaters alone. River level takes care of this.
- Gravel in the river is a problem. Take some out along with the dead trees.
- Use gravel from river on the roads. Don't buy Chat.

A-10

- Give it back to the people and have law enforcement manage things.
- The river needs more enforcement.
- Local people don't want to be punished because day floaters cause trouble.
- Floaters don't understand what a boat needs to operate & use the river.
- They don't have to float our part of the river.
- Need more facilities for floaters – Raw toilets.
- Publicity brings more folks in who don't respect the river. 1 day trip vs. living here.
- Concessionaires and NPS need to educate their people about boats, horse, and other people on the river.
- Support alt A to protect the natural resources.
- The canoe rental needs to be responsible for their people's impact on the river.

A-12

- Bland Cemetery needs to have access
- Remove major obstacles from the waterways.
- Put in concrete boat ramps @ Jerk Tail landing. Don't change anything from the way it is now.
- When it comes to taking care of rivers, I believe locals can take care of the river better than others from the outside (ie. St. Louis, Kansas City)
- Only thing I'd like is for you to leave it as it is.

A-14

- The river will eliminate higher HP motors later in the year.
- Information made available to all users on how jet boats operate, so they can understand why boaters have to operate.
- Clean up some of the areas that used to be open fields.
- I'd like to see several locations that gravel would be removed from. This would allow more riverway for everyone to use, but this will take a while to see any difference.

A-16

- I don't want to see any HP restrictions on the river because in the long run this will cause more problems than we have now. People can only be pushed so far.
- I don't like the zone idea at all. If all the footprints are in one place, it isn't going to be good for that place.
- All of the alternatives are on one side of the coin. There should be an alternative that allows HP to go up. The no action plan should be middle ground.

A-18

- I think these proposals are mostly affecting local people which most likely in the long run will affect local businesses who mainly survive off of tourists because as the local people suffer their way of payback will be taking it out on tourists which will soon drive them away. Also, local people are hurting because of local access being shut off which effects tourists too because they like to be able to go to their private access points.

A-20

- At Two Rivers, for instance, local families and tourists families have been camping there free for years. Want folks to still be able to camp for free.
- Folks who have enjoyed a Christian gathering fish fry, for example. We are told to disperse because too many given people at a given campsite.
- Some rules ruin traditional experiences.
- Need more LE rangers to enforce laws in place regarding ATVs.
- Strong support for Alternative A in regard to Jacks Fork and Upper Current from top to Round Spring
- Consider alternate days or seasons for use or one river for one use and the other use on the other river.

A-22

- Do not allow concessionaires for power equipment.

Ozark. Eminence 2009 (Cathy Runge, Elisa Kuntz)

B1-1

- I would like to see more of the fields cut. I cannot get through them when I hunt.
- Leave it just the way it is. Everyone should learn to live with one another. No change on the H.P. because the big motors know where to boat. The 40 HP are fine where they are. It would effect me if it changed by not being able to use our boat. Not one person I know could use their boat and everyone I know has a boat.

B1-2

- We've got to open up the river (J.F.) to mine gravel/river rock because the holes are filling up. No place to fish and swim. I could, as a child, now I cannot. The river is filling up.
- Harvest the timber. There are millions of dollars of timber that has gone to waste. Look at 17 bridge area where the wind went through. Don't let it rot.
- We want to have a meeting so we can talk about this.
- The holes in the river are filling up. If gov. does not want to remove – then private citizens should get to.

B1-3

- Motorized use should begin and end at or below R.S. because of the nature of the river. It is more curvy & narrow. It is a heavy canoe use area & there is a conflict between motorized boats and canoes.
- The gov. is limiting the access of the public to the park by alternatives A,B &C.
- There are not enough wash room along the river. There needs to be more policing of the river ways. Have been here 5 years & never met a ranger on the river or on foot patrol.

B1-4

- Any new restrictions would hurt the citizens by affecting economy and it would effect their recreational activities. Stay as is. The economy of Carter, Reynolds & Shannon Counties would be hurt.
- Leave as is. Staus quo. We love the freedom of the way it is. I have lived here/my family has for more than 100 years. Why does the park need to control it?
- Not a fit place to take a family on a weekend. At least in a boat we have the freedom to move if we don't need it.
- Locals help pick up the trash that the canoers dump. The locals help to manage the park, wildlife, etc.

B1-5

- Leave as is rather than changing it. The park service keeps edging out the locals a little at a time. I've been watching them for over 60 years. I know what I am talking about.
- If the restrictions cut down on the tourists and we have already lost the timber – then what would we live on?
- Have a seasonal HP limit to stop at Akers prevents people from going further up the river for fishing, etc. Would prefer to see seasonal HP limits to Cedargrove.
- I do not want to see any roads closed because they limit access.

B1-6

- There are areas that are not designated as access points that are busy & overcrowded – signage is needed at these points (trash, ATV's, Dune Buggies, etc.) and enforced. Traditional river crossings are abused.
- If you take away the access to the river, the access points you keep will be over crowded.
- Organize volunteer groups. Is. Volunteer backcountry horsemen. Then work with them. A volunteer canoe group and a volunteer motorized group would be well received to help the NPS keep our parks clean. Would do more good than restricting access. Thank you.

B1-7

- Leave HP as it is at the jet pump.
- I feel like the motorboat and fishermen are being discriminated against. In 1980, in a meeting in V.B. Mo, at the courthouse, congressman Dick Ichord made the statement "that he proposes/ introduces ONSR bill, it should be a national recreation area. The NPS is out to change it to a wilderness area. I feel the people should stand up for the original intent." (National Recreation Area) I feel like this is what the NPS is working toward today.
- The new alternatives will have a negative impact on the local areas due to boat & motor sales, supplies, gas, oil, food, etc.
- This will be reflected in loss of sales tax, personal property tax. (The new alternatives)

B1-8

- All three alternatives limit the freedom of the people on or near the river & woods. This area is unique due to the freedom we have here. Every time the government brings new restrictions; it punishes everyone for the bad actions of a few. I would rather see the existing law enforced rather than lose our freedom. Freedom is the ability to hike, use a motorized boat responsively if I choose. I would like to have the same freedom as Lewis & Clark.
- There should be more enforcing of trashing the river and conduct on the river.

B1-9

- No change on HP limits since 1968. It is a regulation, not a law & I would like to see it stay the same.
- To clear things up w/motorboats would like 40 horse at the pump.
- Gravel removal on the river-can be done in a safe manner where it will help marine life.
- No change on HP limits since 1968. It is a regulation, not a law & I would like to see it stay the same.

B1-10

- Not in favor of wilderness studies because it limits access.
- Would like to see Big Spring Wilderness opened up to special hunts for wildlife to control animal population. (Drawing for privilege.)
- Would like to keep accesses & Roads open to the river. Current roads maintain what is here. Leave it alone.

B1-11

- Boaters are needed to help keep floaters safe and from being lost. Boaters also pick up trash and bring it to land. (Example – flipped canoes, gravel bar campers, tubes.) We save lives.
- If boats are taken off the river and people lose their jobs, will the NPS hire them to feed their families?
- I would like the HP to be left alone. I don't see it as a problem. Isn't 40mph low enough?
- NPS should hire local people like they promised.
- Riveredge was like a park. Now it is like a wilderness, all grown up.

B1-12

- Open all the caves up like it was in the early 1960's and 1970's.
- The upper stretch of J. F. should be a primitive area.
- More scientific research about the effects of motorboats use on erosion on the river banks. More research on gravel movement on the river and the effects.
- In areas designated as primitive existing vault toilets should be maintained and kept. Without these facilities peoples option may cause worse pollution.

B1-13

- In the areas designated primitive (access points & campgrounds) I would like signage, trashcans to help with littering, trash etc.
- Keep things primitive as can be. Recycling should be required of any tax supported project whether it be national state or local. No motorboats, they have plenty of other places to go. We need to save for our children.

EMINENCE 06/23/09:

Dena Matteson and Elisa Kunz

B2-1

- I would like to see them leave the wild horses alone. I like to see them. I have had horses most of my life.
- NPS needs to establish an advisory board composed of community leaders in close proximity to the park and use the input of the advisory board to develop a complete new alternative to those put forth by NPS.

B2-2

- We need to re-establish food plots & farm lands and manage for wildlife.
- Need to establish rest areas along the river for floaters & boaters.
- I am concerned about changing the measurement of HP on motors from lower unit to head, when manufacturers are mandated by law to measure them at lower unit. These changes will affect me as a businessman selling boats.

B2-3

- This will affect owners of boats because they will have motors they can't use.
- Jet boats are necessary because they save people's lives. They are available to help people in trouble.
- Rangers need to be on the river to monitor behavior, alcohol use, and enforce current laws for families. This is a safety issue.

B2-4

- I am afraid if a lot of these changes to current management occur, there will be a lot of destruction in opposition.
- If they want to lower HP limits, then even NPS should lower limits on their boats.
- If lower HP, our family will not be able to travel up the river. If your family has several people or are larger in size, 25 HP won't handle it.

B2-5

- 25 HP will allow river to erode & fill-in faster than a 40 HP. 25 HP pulls a bigger wake.
- Everyone has to work together-NPS needs to work with locals, locals need to work with NPS.
- Need more maintenance workers around springs.
- Why is there no concern for accumulation of river gravel and erosion of river bottom soil along banks and river bottom fields?

B2-6

- I would like to see gravel removed and cutting vegetation that grows in gravel and turns the river toward the river bottom soil.
- Brush should be cleared along rivers so we can reach banks to fish. 20 yrs ago you could see the banks.
- I would like them to bring back the cultural demonstrations that used to be held all along the river – molasses, quilting, whiskey, etc. Jon boat making, blacksmithing, basket making.

B2-7

- I don't like any alternatives except No Action because we can all co-exist together.
- We don't need new rules and regulations, but just need to enforce current regulations.

B2-8

- Stricter enforcement of road rules. More patrols. More great rangers like Mark.
- Increase stream clean-up activities including with visitors.
- Signs-Take only pictures, leave only footprints.
- Keep all river accesses open to the public as they are now. Such as Brushy on the Upper Current and Mill Hollow.

B2-9

- This would limit our ability to get to the places we want to go. Places like Blairs Creek, Ant Hole, Bee Bluff School. These used to have county roads but are not being maintained.
- Park Rangers need to be more visible on the river, not necessarily to write tickets but to deter people from doing things they shouldn't do.

B2-10

- We should keep our 40 HP rating at the jet so that our families can all go up river together.
- All of the recreational activities such as horseback riding, ATVs, 4-wheel drives, boats & motors, hunting/fishing should be allowed because our park system is supposed to be a recreational park for the people.

B2-11

- If NPS can't bring back the things we used to do, they can at least not take away the things we have (current activities).
- People feel we are losing our cultural & historic heritage piece-by-piece by losing old structures such as the old silo at Powder Mill or Two Rivers Lodge & housing. More emphasis should be placed on preserving these structures.

B2-12

- Bottom land fields have been allowed to grow up, and these fields could be managed for wildlife and people.
- Where I use my boat, a 25 HP will not push my boat and my boat won't be worth anything to me. I will lose a lot of money. Won't be able to sell it in this area.

B2-13

- I feel that visitors in canoes shouldn't try to come here and change our operation. I feel they need to understand more about how a jet boat operates and realize we aren't trying to impact them.
- (Bee Bluff) Jet boats are the only type of boat (not a propeller) that can be operated on the rivers because of how shallow the rivers are. In the past, removal of some gravel allowed the rivers to be deeper.

B2-14

- Running boats on the river is a family tradition for local people and I would like that to continue for my kids and grand kids.
- Boats on the river have positive aspects, they can be used to help rescue capsized floaters, used to help transport victims in accidents such as bluff jumping, etc.
- Boats are used for recreation such as fishing or accessing points along the river that can't be accessed by roads.

B2-15

- Restricting HP limit will restrict number of family members you can transport and boat won't get up on top of water, which will cause damage to the boat and motor.
- Decreased HP will require doubling the number of boats you will need to transport the same family members. This will cause more boats and congestion.
- I would like to see HP above Akers to 25HP year-round, locals have sense to stay out of those areas when lots of canoes are present. But we could trout fish in the mornings and evenings. Can't fish where they stock trout all summer long.

B2-16

- I would like to see NPS work with (MDC) & county to fix some of the old roads, then roads would hold up and there would be less erosion and less off-road use.
- When you remove common lower unit using a prop & install a jet pump on the same engine, you have a drastic HP loss, such as 60HP power head produces 40HP at jet. 40HP power head produces 28HP at jet. If the HP rating in regulations is taken at power head, actual HP to operate will be reduced drastically.

B2-17

- When you reduce HP, then boat rides lower and produces larger wake, and boat won't carry as much weight. Therefore, boat will drag on bottom of river. Boat won't carry as many people. Will increase number of boats and create congestion to carry same number of people.

- This information was confirmed with the impact study done at Buffalo River. Also, boats help movement of water and keep channel free of gravel and thereby more passable.

**Voices of Ozark has impact study.

- J.C. Kuessner has a copy of a study that shows the impacts of canoes, boats, etc. on fish beds in the river.
- Changes to HP limits will make my investment (\$15,000) in boat motor and trailer worthless.

B2-18

- Have the least human impact as possible. There are plenty of other places to use motor boats.
- I support non-motorized recreation on the Jacks Fork. For the safety of canoers, providing a place with no noise, and natural resource.
- Recommend a study of decibels of all motorized vehicles on wildlife and fish. Study hibernating, breeding, patterns. Impact on flora and fauna.

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C1-1

- Alternatives A, B, & C seems to limit access by the public.
- Supports the 'No Action' (b/c) any new restrictions could hurt the county revenues.
- Exploits too much of the resources of 2 wonderful free-flowing rivers. By not restricting ATV travel, horse use, horses crossing the river, and too many development areas.

C1-2

- No change – economy vs. amount of money spent by boaters and tubers. The same people should be allowed to use rivers.
- Too much restriction now. Re-open the access points that have been closed, e.g. Williams Landing. Roads that NPS tried to close and county re-opened – leave them open.
- 40 HP creates a bigger wake than a larger motor. If NPS doing what's best for ecology, why require a motor that creates a bigger wake than the motors NPS outlawed?
- Smaller motors will erode the river more than bigger ones.

C1-3

- Maintain current open fields and would like to see previously relinquished fields opened up.
- Not in favor of any new restrictions by the NPS.
- Re-open campgrounds at Akers.
- Stricter penalties for polluters (i.e. make individuals do community service – river cleanup – in addition to a fine)
- Supports measuring HP at the jet. There is a federal law that dictates manufacturers measure the HP at the jet/lower unit.

C1-4

- Wants to keep John Boats on the river, especially if emergency assistance is needed.
- Better monitoring/regulations regarding alcohol use/abuse on the river. More NPS staff on the river.
- Supports unlimited HP. If lower HP or restricted to seasonal use, he would no longer be able to take his family on camping trips, particularly from Round Springs to Two Rivers.
- If reduce 40hp to 25hp above Round Springs they would not be able to boat up to Carr's for ice, etc.

C1-5

- Hp restrictions could restrict boaters from being able to assist people up river if within a different hp zone.
- In favor of re-opening agricultural fields (don't let grow up).
- Would like to see open fields maintained in legumes and wild grasses.
- Keep hp as it currently is – No changes.
- The river accesses should remain open.

C1-6

- Keep the old 2-tract roads/trails open
- Keep the 40hp measured at the pump so I can get my family up and down the river safely.
- Your alternatives are:

No Action = you can keep coming to our river

C = 20% of you are getting kicked off

B = 35% of you are getting kicked off.

A = 50% of you are getting kicked off.

C1-7

- We ran the Indians off their land long ago; now its our turn to be run off our land.
- The NPS is like a conquering army, they will make whatever rules they want and could care less about the local people, who have been conquered.

C1-8

- More management of NPS lands and less preservation (i.e. open fields, fields for wildlife, timber management.)
- Re-open all the closed roads and caves. More road access would allow people to get to the river easier for fishing.
- From Akers to Cedar Grove have it 25hp year round.
- Keep roads open b/c
 - 1) Fire safety (easier to get in to access for fire fighting)
 - 2) could help with emergency situations (i.e. stranded/hurt canoeist)

C1-9

- Likes the primitive camping and would like to see more of them because they are in the less traveled and less tourist occupied areas.
- Maintain the current hp as they are now.
- Not in favor of Seasonal Restrictions from Rymers to Bay Creek because it limits local use during the restricted time frame.
- From Eminence to Bay Creek allow 40hp.

C2-1

- Prefers no action alternative because the stretch of the Jacks Fork from Rymers to Bay Creek is not normally accessible with motorized watercraft during summer months.
- Leave HP limits same on whole C.R.
- Lift restrictions on camping areas and river ways (that would not endanger people) i.e. restricted access to river's edge and gravel bars.
- Clear areas along major spring branches to allow better viewing.
- Keep motorboat HP limits at current levels or increase them.

C2-2

- Prefer no motorized boats from R.S. upstream – problem – noise from jet boats.
- Open all former accesses to river to all users.
- Leave HP limits alone except remove limit between Big Spring and V.B. Gap.
- People are in an upstir and not buying boats & motors because of rumors.
- Removal of boats & motors will affect all people in these areas - economically!!!!!!
- Want all farms to be cleared and managed as open fields for wildlife.

C2-3

- Want old back country roads to be left open – river access, to old abandoned farms.
- Leave HP limits as is.
- Reduce number of canoes on river to reduce conflict with boats.
- Lease old farms to public to be managed more like a farm.
- Manage old farms for ag-prod. by leasees for wildlife/for food prod.
- End harassment of motor boaters vs canoeists and tubers. Park treats motor boaters like 2nd class group.

C2-4

- Control public use of easement access roads that lead only to private property.
- Continual growth & development is not sustainable. Continued Park development will damage park's natural state in the long term.
- No ATV use in park
- Apply Alt A type management to Upper Jacks Fork, Alt B type management to Lower river sections and Alt C type management to Lowest river sections. Compare after a time to assess impact on environment.

C2-5

- Alt C is better of 3 proposed alternatives except for 25 HP limit on J.F. from Alley to Eminence. Prefer no change in HP on this section.
- Locals within a reasonable amount should be less restricted to whatever rules are put in place. (because this is their home area)
- More education of children about natural ecosystems and how to preserve them.