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I am an active member of the western boating community and would like to offer my comments.

Aside from the Colorado River, Arizona has some of the most exquisite river runs in the West, with classic desert beauty, "other-planet" type scenery and vegetation, found no where else. It is always such a treat and wild adventure to set up a road trip to Arizona to go boating and see parts of the high desert that cannot be seen any other way.

I think my favorite trip of all western rivers is the Salt River. It is unparalleled desert wilderness with extraordinary white water experience. Most recently, I ran the Salt last year in April. There were twelve of us with three rafts and five kayaks.

As more and more people discover the aesthetic and recreational value of our rivers, I believe the consciousness to protect our rivers and increase access will be even more politically important. We can't afford to loose this opportunity now to keep our rivers beautiful and accessible to all.

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