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Dear El Dorado Board of Supervisors,

Friends of the River (FOR) supports approval of the agenda item 20-0598 scheduled to be discussed on June 23, 2020.

We value the one-year extension because of the impacts of COVID-19 on our summer programming and creating additional time to resolve the financial, logistical and river user day allocation involved in the process. We have necessarily diverted staff investments to other projects.

In response to COVID-19 transmission and for the safety of our volunteers, participants and staff, Friends of the River will not be offering rafting trips summer 2020. Making further financial and staff time investments during this unique time has more significant impacts. Friends of the River has been in touch with County staff and regularly communicated regarding the transition. To complete the process would require paying for permits, taxes, business licenses and a renovation to our commissary.

An additional outstanding issue to be resolved is how the County will allocate the river user days to each Institutional group from the vacant River User Permits 02 and 36. FOR needs to understand the allocation of river user days before we can evaluate the impacts of this aspect of the transition to a commercial permit as outlined in the 2018 River Management Plan. We look forward to working with the El Dorado County staff to bring clarity to this issue.

I hope the Board of Supervisors will approve this agenda item. Please reach out with any questions or concerns.

Regards,
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