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To: Vickie Sanders, Parks Manager, El Dorado County

From: Noah Triplett, River Recreation Supervisor, El Dorado County

RE: Institutional User Group Category

The County should eliminate the Institutional User Group category which was created with the adoption of the 2001 River Management Plan.

The Institutional User Group is a County created category of user and does not exist with California State Parks and Bureau of Land Management (BLM). State Parks and the BLM recognize two user groups, private (self-guided) and commercial (guided). Additionally the County's Institutional Group does not exist with other river management agencies (managed rivers).

The River Management Advisory Committee (RMAC) proposal would continue the County's third category of river user group which does not have parity with State Parks or BLM regulations and puts the County further at odds with the State Parks and BLM regulations. The RMAC proposal recommends fundraising trips be allowed and paid river staff. Additionally the RMAC proposal's user day allocation limits are higher than the historical institutional.

The County currently has two River Use Permits it can split up and reallocate to Institutional Groups. Some of the current Institutional Groups have permits with State Parks and BLM and some have expressed interest in receiving a County River Use Permit. These two River Use Permits reverted back to the County after the RMAC recommendations on the Institutional Group modifications were completed.

If there are regulations that currently prohibit an Institutional Group from receiving a County River Use Permit then those regulations should be identified and considered for change to the RMP.

The RMAC spent significant time on their proposal which the County greatly appreciates.