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Dear Mr. Veerkamp:

The Bureau of Land Management is requesting the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors to approve a resolution to support California Department of Transportation to ban parking along State Highway 49 for approximately 3000 feet from Greenwood Creek Bridge past BLM's Magnolia Parking Area.

During the peak whitewater boating season Greenwood Creek Parking and Day Use Area is completely full causing boaters to park on the shoulder of California State Highway 49. BLM is extremely concerned about pedestrian safety. Pedestrians walk alongside and cross the highway where vehicles are traveling at a high rate of speed to gain access at Greenwood Creek. BLM has built two parking areas to allow the public an opportunity to park and gain access to the river in a safe manner. BLM believes that many of the users are parking off of State Highway 49 because it's perceived to be a closer walk to the river. To possibly prevent a serious injury or traffic accident BLM believes that a 3,000 foot "No Parking" zone along State Highway 49 be signed and enforced by the state. We request that El Dorado County support this proposal by passing a resolution.

BLM built the Greenwood Creek Parking area to accommodate recreation and whitewater boating access demand. The surrounding topography prevents BLM making this site any larger. The nearby Magnolia Parking Area was built to accommodate any overflow parking concerns at Greenwood Creek during the peak season of use. BLM has built a pedestrian trail to connect the two parking areas so that boaters can drop off their gear at Greenwood Creek and move their shuttle vehicle to the Magnolia Parking Area and connect back to their group. Many boaters currently use the Magnolia Parking Area for overflow parking but without a "No Parking" ban in this area we believe many will continue to take their chances and park on the shoulders of State Highway 49.

I appreciate El Dorado County Board of Supervisors for supporting this approach in making it safer for the public to gain safe access to BLM land and to the river. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at 916-941-3102.

Sincerely;

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William S. Haigh". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

William S. Haigh
Field Manager