

Colombano, Meiling

From: Pup N Suds Productions <colbyelliott@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 10, 2018 5:49 PM
To: Colombano, Meiling
Cc: theresa@americanwhitewater.org
Subject: South Feather

Hello my name is Colby Elliot, and I live in Quincy CA. I boat the South feather every fall and really enjoy the releases that are provided to us this time of year. Being so close it is such a gem, and I'm pretty privileged to have it in my backyard. I would love to see whitewater paddlers such as myself and many others, including American Whitewater be a part of this relicensing project.

each fall in September and October, I love enjoying this part of the state. As an avid user of this phenomenal stretch of world class whitewater, I would hate to not have access to this area. please make it a point to include access in the relicensing process. In the access discussion it is also vital to have access to the flow information within the stretch as well.

This is a beautiful gem that we would all love to enjoy into the future, please help us do this!

the optimal flows for this stretch would be:

Downstream of Little Grass Valley Dam: 350-450 cfs
Downstream of South Fork Diversion Dam: 250-400 cfs
Downstream of Forbestown Dam: 300-400 cfs

Thank you for listening and please contact me if you have any further questions!

530-822-6241

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Colombano, Meiling

From: alex.moffitt.herr@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Alex Herr
<alex.moffitt.herr@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Monday, January 15, 2018 6:29 PM
To: Colombano, Meiling
Subject: SF Feather Draft 401 Certification

Dear Meiling Colombano,

The South Fork of the Feather River below Little Grass Valley Reservoir is an absolute gem of quality California Whitewater. Its very existence is worthy of continued recreational releases. I invite anyone interested in this section of river to come view the river for themselves during a fall release season to experience the grandeur and unbelievable energy of this resource.

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Sincerely,

Alex Herr

Sincerely,
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Colombano, Meiling

From: Darrickhilbert@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Darrick Hilbert
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Sent: Monday, January 15, 2018 5:26 PM
To: Colombano, Meiling
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Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment.

Sincerely,

Sincerely,
Mr Darrick Hilbert
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Colombano, Meiling

From: dansadowski@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Daniel Sadowski
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Sent: Monday, January 15, 2018 3:08 PM
To: Colombano, Meiling
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Sincerely,

Sincerely,
Me Daniel Sadowski
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dansadowski@gmail.com

Colombano, Meiling

From: desa414@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Davide Sartoni <desa414@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Monday, January 15, 2018 3:37 PM
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Sincerely,

Sincerely,
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From: smithlifeinwater@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Evan Smith
<smithlifeinwater@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Monday, January 15, 2018 6:20 PM
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Sincerely,

Sincerely,
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Colombano, Meiling

From: greenrivaz@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Eben Swain
<greenrivaz@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Monday, January 15, 2018 9:55 PM
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Sincerely,

Sincerely,
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Colombano, Meiling

From: grieser86@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Gavin Rieser <grieser86@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Monday, January 15, 2018 7:04 PM
To: Colombano, Meiling
Subject: SF Feather Draft 401 Certification

Dear Meiling Colombano,

The South Fork Feather river is an amazing part of California that I have been enjoying for many years NIW, making multiple trips each year.

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Sincerely,

Sincerely,
Mr. Gavin Rieser
1435 Oregon Dr Sacramento, CA 95822-2655 grieser86@gmail.com

Colombano, Meiling

From: henrik@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Henrik Martin
<henrik@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Monday, January 15, 2018 2:51 PM
To: Colombano, Meiling
Subject: SF Feather Draft 401 Certification

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Sincerely,

Sincerely,
Mr. Henrik Martin
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Colombano, Meiling

From: idacrawford@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Ida Crawford
<idacrawford@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Monday, January 15, 2018 7:31 PM
To: Colombano, Meiling
Subject: SF Feather Draft 401 Certification

Dear Meiling Colombano,

I would love to be able to kayak the Class III Gold Trout Crossing section of the South Feather River.

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Sincerely,

Sincerely,
Ms Ida Crawford
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From: jg0730@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jordy Guldman <jg0730@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Monday, January 15, 2018 1:55 PM
To: Colombano, Meiling
Subject: SF Feather Draft 401 Certification

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This river is one of the best in the world and I would love to have more opportunities to paddle it.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment.

Sincerely,
Jordy Guldman

Sincerely,
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Colombano, Meiling

From: wasiel@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jeff Wasielewski
<wasiel@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Monday, January 15, 2018 3:39 PM
To: Colombano, Meiling
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Sincerely,

Sincerely,
Mr. Jeff Wasielewski
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Colombano, Meiling

From: marjfree@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Marilyn Freedberg
<marjfree@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Monday, January 15, 2018 7:33 PM
To: Colombano, Meiling
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Sincerely,

Sincerely,
Ms Marilyn Freedberg
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marjfree@gmail.com

Colombano, Meiling

From: megan.hooker@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Megan Hooker
<megan.hooker@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Monday, January 15, 2018 10:40 AM
To: Colombano, Meiling
Subject: SF Feather Draft 401 Certification

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Sincerely,

Sincerely,
Ms. Megan Hooker
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Colombano, Meiling

From: pdschoenhoff@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Phillip Schoenhoff
<pdschoenhoff@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Monday, January 15, 2018 4:58 PM
To: Colombano, Meiling
Subject: SF Feather Draft 401 Certification

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Sincerely,

Sincerely,
Mr. Phillip Schoenhoff
2720 Vista Roble Dr Auburn, CA 95603-7923 pdschoenhoff@gmail.com

Colombano, Meiling

From: young.richard86@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Richard Young
<young.richard86@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Monday, January 15, 2018 8:15 PM
To: Colombano, Meiling
Subject: SF Feather Draft 401 Certification

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Sincerely,

Sincerely,
Mr. Richard Young
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young.richard86@gmail.com

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From: terry.barton@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Terence Barton
<terry.barton@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Monday, January 15, 2018 8:57 PM
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I look forward to increased opportunity for recreation on the river.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment.

Sincerely,

Sincerely,
Mr. Terence Barton
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Colombano, Meiling

From: wdommen@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of willy dommen
<wdommen@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Monday, January 15, 2018 3:20 PM
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Sincerely,

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Mr. willy dommen
26 Humboldt Ave San Anselmo, CA 94960-2222 wdommen@yahoo.com

Colombano, Meiling

From: gnaryak@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Andrew Guldman
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Sent: Tuesday, January 16, 2018 3:53 AM
To: Colombano, Meiling
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Sincerely,

Sincerely,
Mr Andrew Guldman
12052 Oslo Dr Truckee, CA 96161-6325
gnaryak@gmail.com

Colombano, Meiling

From: elemental321@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Brayden Levy <elemental321@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 16, 2018 9:08 PM
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[personal comment]: Allowing for recreational kayaking on your rivers is simply a really nice thing to do for our community. If it isn't too much trouble, it means some day I'll be able to visit your beautiful river and enjoy the beauty of the feather river.

Sincerely,

Sincerely,
Mr. Brayden Levy
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Colombano, Meiling

From: brunopitton@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Bruno Pitton
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Sent: Tuesday, January 16, 2018 9:00 AM
To: Colombano, Meiling
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Sincerely,

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Mr. Bruno Pitton
623 Snapdragon St Winters, CA 95694-1680 brunopitton@gmail.com

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<Gbezard@everyactioncustom.com>
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Sincerely,

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Mr Gwenn Bezard
716 Birchwood Ct San Rafael, CA 94903-3160 Gbezard@gmail.com

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Sent: Tuesday, January 16, 2018 7:58 AM
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Sincerely,

Sincerely,
Dr. Greg Rodriguez
7212 Melva St Citrus Heights, CA 95610-3207 grodrigu50@gmail.com

Colombano, Meiling

From: Joseph Hatcher <hatcherjoseph@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 16, 2018 10:35 AM
To: Colombano, Meiling
Cc: Theresa Simsiman
Subject: South Fork Feather Recreation Management Plan Input

To Whom It May Concern,

I, Joseph Hatcher, a frequent kayak on the South Fork of the Feather am writing the State Water Resource Control Board (SWRCB) concerning fall releases from Little Grass Valley Dam all the way to below Forbestown Dam in the Plumas National Forest, North East of Orville, CA.

I am a resident of Southern Oregon and a kayaker for over 20 years. I originally resided on the east coast but about 5 years ago moved to the west coast to continue my exploration of rivers that I had not paddled.

Each fall I come back to paddle the South Fork of the Feather for various reasons. I really enjoy spending time in the wild and ruggedness of the Plumas National Forest and the river provides me the ability to view the forest from the seat of my kayak via a highway of water. The whitewater in this section challenges my skill set and ability. Combine all of this, throw in the comraderie with my friends and you have the reason why this stretch is so valuable to me and keeps me returning.

I am asking the SWRCB to work with the paddling community by allowing American Whitewater to be included in the consultation regarding the Recreation Management Plan and work with them to schedule the boating flows from Little Grass Valley, South Fork Diversion Dam and Forbestown Diversion Dam. As a member they represent my vested interest along with the paddling community.

I would encourage you to provide "boatable" flows as much as possible during the releases so that recreational paddlers can take advantage of the water being released.

Little Grass Valley Release 300-450 cfs
South Fork Diversion Dam 250-400 cfs
Forbestown Diversion Dam 300-400 cfs

Obviously I would love to get as many releases on this section as possible but I would request at least two consecutive weekends for each section.

To address safety while recreational paddling on these sections, I also request that the licensee make available real-time online stream flow guage information. This information should be sent to California Data Exchange Center (CDEC). This allows the paddle to verify levels and make safe choices rather to paddle these sections or not based on the flow at that time.

To recreate on these sections it is also important that we are able to access this resource. To do that I am requesting that SWRCB identify launch and take-out points and that these areas are open year round and available to the public for the lifetime of the license.

Thanks

Joseph Hatcher

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Bring a good crew, problem solving skills, plan your logistics and portages appropriately and last but not least, paddle within your skill set.

Colombano, Meiling

From: johnmsimpkin3@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of John Simpkin <johnmsimpkin3@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 16, 2018 11:13 AM
To: Colombano, Meiling
Subject: SF Feather Draft 401 Certification

Dear Meiling Colombano,

I would LOVE to have the opportunity to boat the Little Grass Valley reach of California's South Fork Feather River. I am writing in support of the recreational releases outlined in the Water Board's Draft 401 Water Quality Certification for the South Feather River Project (FERC No. P-2088). South Feather Water & Power would add outstanding whitewater recreational opportunities to the area by continuing South Fork Feather River Fall releases below Little Grass Valley and providing new spring releases below the South Fork Diversion and Forbestown Diversion.

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment.

Sincerely,

Sincerely,
Mr John Simpkin
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Colombano, Meiling

From: karl.mccollom@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Karl McCollom
<karl.mccollom@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 16, 2018 6:29 AM
To: Colombano, Meiling
Subject: SF Feather Draft 401 Certification

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As a whitewater paddler, I am writing in support of the recreational releases outlined in the Water Board's Draft 401 Water Quality Certification for the South Feather River Project (FERC No. P-2088). South Feather Water & Power would add outstanding whitewater recreational opportunities to the area by continuing South Fork Feather River Fall releases below Little Grass Valley and providing new spring releases below the South Fork Diversion and Forbestown Diversion.

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment.

Sincerely,

Sincerely,
Mr. Karl McCollom
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Colombano, Meiling

From: suzaremi@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Suzanne Remien
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Sent: Tuesday, January 16, 2018 7:57 AM
To: Colombano, Meiling
Subject: SF Feather Draft 401 Certification

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment.

Sincerely,

Sincerely,
Ms. Suzanne Remien
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Colombano, Meiling

From: Brian Ginsberg <grebsnig@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 17, 2018 1:56 PM
To: Colombano, Meiling
Cc: Theresa Simsiman
Subject: South Fork Feather River Boater Comment

Greetings State Water Resource Control Board,

My name is Brian Ginsberg and I am a whitewater kayaker who enjoys visiting the SF Feather about 4-5 days every year that there is adequate flow. I have paddled a great many rivers in this state and am confident in characterizing the SF Feather below little grass valley (LGV) down to the diversion is a classic and invaluable resource to the whitewater community.

Beyond the quality exhibited in the technical rapids and the remote natural beauty, what places this run in a category of its own is the potential flow window. Nowhere else in the Sierra, let alone the entire Western U.S., is there a section of high-quality class V river that can potentially offer flow in the fall. Popularity and interest in this river reach have soared in recent years, drawing boaters from all parts. While the SF Feather is in a relatively obscure location, it is this very remoteness that has endeared this stream in my heart. It is truly exceptional to float the lower reaches through what appears to be some of the oldest growth forests I've encountered in the Sierra.

In order to best protect the SF Feather, I believe that American Whitewater should be involved in consultation regarding the Recreation Management Plan and whitewater boating flow scheduling for all reaches from Little Grass Valley down through to Lake Oroville. It is imperative that adequate flow is released into SF Feather for recreational purposes; when there is less than 350 cfs or more than 500 cfs below LGV, the endeavor can become unsafe. In relation to this, it is important that streamflow information is made available on a near real-time basis throughout the year - with any less temporal resolution than hourly data, streamflow gauges become effectively useless. I have greatly appreciated the nearly month-long window of flows that have come about in recent years, please continue these long flow windows as it enables folks to camp for a duration and most efficiently structure time spent visiting the river. A final request for access in perpetuity with the new license is essential to make sure folks can get to and from the river. So many access roads to rivers are gated with seemingly no reasoning behind those decisions. Thank you for your consideration.

-Brian Ginsberg

Colombano, Meiling

From: bradleyleuenhagen@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Bradley Leuenhagen
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Sent: Wednesday, January 17, 2018 1:11 PM
To: Colombano, Meiling
Subject: SF Feather Draft 401 Certification

Dear Meiling Colombano,

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment.

Sincerely,

Sincerely,
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Colombano, Meiling

From: Chris Tulley <chris.tulley@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 17, 2018 9:05 PM
To: Colombano, Meiling
Cc: Theresa Simsiman
Subject: Please protect SF Feather river. Amend Draft SWRCB cert.

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California Water Resource Control Board

c/o Meiling Colombano

I am a whitewater boater, CA taxpayer, and American Whitewater member. The SF Feather is an amazing resource and I want to make sure you understand its importance to people like me. For every letter you receive there are likely hundreds of whitewater boaters that feel as I do so I hope you value recreational user input. The SF Feather is a place that I revere and travel to each fall as often as 5 times annually (up to 50 times in the last decade) from either the SF bay or the Sacramento area. Yes, this place is that magical! I wish I could show you the view from the river it is not the same as looking downstream from a dam. It is a paddler's paradise of stellar rapids, consistent flows, surrounded by incredible wilderness and nature's beauty. I moved to California for places like this. I have seen more and more people come to experience this river over the years based on consistent ideal conditions and access.

I want to first thank you for your work to help create the draft water quality certification/license for this watershed. However, upon review of this draft certification. I have several concerns I hope will be addressed in the final SWRCB and FERC license.

- Please put the right flow in the river. ~400 CFS below little grass valley res and below the SF diversion dam. As much as possible downstream of Forbestown – so much fun!
- Please make real time flows available (CDEC) so paddlers can be safe on the water and can plan their trips.
- Please maintain fall releases. As many weekends as possible. Aug or Sept is ideal. Oct is good.
- Please use water wisely. Prioritize weekends and daylight hours for releases when possible
- Please ensure that paddler access to these sections of river is protected for the life of the license
- Please do ensure that a whitewater advocacy organization is included as a valued stakeholder in your licensing process. American Whitewater has credibility and experience in numerous FERC relicensing projects across many decades.

Thank you and please do think of consequences of your actions not only on boaters like myself but on my daughter who will highly value an escape from phones, TVs, computers and the stress of life to the seclusion offered by only a handful of place like the SF Feather to decompress and reconnect with herself and nature.

Kind Regards,

Chris Tulley

Folsom, CA

Chris.Tulley@gmail.com

Colombano, Meiling

From: Jason Lynn <jltahoe@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 17, 2018 2:29 PM
To: Colombano, Meiling
Cc: theresa@americanwhitewater.org; Chris Tulley
Subject: Water Quality Cert. for South Fork Feather River

Dear Meiling,

I am an avid whitewater enthusiast and I understand that you are receiving comments pertaining to the Water Quality Cert. for the South Fork Feather River below Little Grass Valley Reservoir. I have paddled this stretch of whitewater numerous times and consider it to be a classic stretch of California whitewater, especially in the fall season when few rivers are running at navigable flows. To begin, American Whitewater is an organization that I am proud to be a member of and I believe that they should be at the table during the certification and FERC re-licensing process.

During the re-licensing process the SWRCB should advocate for the following flows:

- Downstream of Little Grass Valley Dam: 350-450 cfs
- Downstream of South Fork Diversion Dam: 250-400 cfs
- Downstream of Forbestown Dam: 300-400 cfs

Ideally, flows should occur for a minimum of two consecutive weekends to provide opportunities for whitewater enthusiasts to enjoy this beautiful stretch of whitewater. Another important issue affecting our ability to enjoy these public resources is access. To the extent possible, the SWRCB should require that FERC take steps to ensure that put-ins and take-outs remain accessible to the public. Lastly, current stream flow data should be made public and provided to CDEC so that whitewater enthusiasts can check flows and know when the river is at a safe water level.

Thank you for your consideration.
Jason Lynn

Kurt Sable

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Meiling Colombano
State Water Resources
Control Board

Dear Meiling Colombano,

My name is Kurt Sable and I am an avid whitewater kayaker with 20 plus years of experience running rivers all over the world. I call Quincy CA. home and live within an hour of the put in for the South Feather River at Little Grass Valley.

I first kayaked this river in the mid-2000's and consider it a great fall time outing on a high quality reach when few, if any, other rivers are flowing in the area.

I have seen the popularity of this river growing every year, with folks coming from all over the western US, and sometimes further to run this reach. At times, people can combine this reach with also running the releases on the North Fork Feather River at Rock Creek.

I would like to submit the following comments regarding the water quality certification for the hydropower project on this river.

1. Consultation - As a stakeholder in the relicensing process, American Whitewater should be included for consultation regarding the Recreation Management Plan and whitewater boating flow scheduling for Little Grass Valley, South Fork Diversion Dam and Forbestown Diversion Dam.
2. Optimal Flows - SWRCB should require the licensee to target ideal optimum boating flows as much as possible during recreational releases.

- Downstream of Little Grass Valley Dam: 350-450 cfs
- Downstream of South Fork Diversion Dam: 250-400 cfs
- Downstream of Forbestown Dam: 300-400 cfs

(Note: The project is only capable of providing 400 cfs max below Forbestown Dam)

3. Timing of Flows - Dates for recreational releases should, at a minimum, include two consecutive weekend flows for each reach.
4. Access - SWRCB should identify the existing put-ins and take-outs and require that they remain open for river access for the lifetime of the license.
5. Public Availability of Stream Flow Information - SWRCB should require the licensee to provide year-round real-time streamflow information in the form of 15-minute flow data where available or hourly flow information if 15-minute data is unavailable for the South Fork Feather River downstream of Little Grass Valley Dam; South Fork Diversion Dam; Forbestown Diversion Dam; Lost Creek downstream of Lost Creek Dam and Slate Creek downstream of Slate Creek Diversion Dam. The current requirement for daily average streamflow information updated on a weekly basis is insufficient for the public to determine a safe time to paddle, fish or recreate on the South Fork Feather.
6. All streamflow information should be provided to the California Data Exchange Center

(CDEC).

Sincerely,

Kurt Sable

Colombano, Meiling

From: pick.ryan4@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of ryan pickering <pick.ryan4@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 17, 2018 2:28 PM
To: Colombano, Meiling
Subject: SF Feather Draft 401 Certification

Dear Meiling Colombano,

As a whitewater paddler, I am writing in support of the recreational releases outlined in the Water Board's Draft 401 Water Quality Certification for the South Feather River Project (FERC No. P-2088). South Feather Water & Power would add outstanding whitewater recreational opportunities to the area by continuing South Fork Feather River Fall releases below Little Grass Valley and providing new spring releases below the South Fork Diversion and Forbestown Diversion.

I ask that SWRCB's Draft Water Quality Certification include provisions for consultation with American Whitewater and paddler stakeholders regarding the Recreation Management Plan and annual whitewater boating schedules. Additionally, it is important for paddlers to get real-time hourly flow information on all reaches to help us plan safe and timely river trips during recreational flow days and when flow opportunities arise throughout the year.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment.

Sincerely,

Sincerely,
Mr. ryan pickering
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pick.ryan4@gmail.com

Colombano, Meiling

From: Sribar, Rok <rsribar@aclara.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 17, 2018 3:15 PM
To: Colombano, Meiling
Cc: theresa@americanwhitewater.org; dave@americanwhitewater.org; Chris Tulley
Subject: State Water Resource Control Board (SWRCB) - SF Feather - AW advocacy

Dear Mr. Colombano,

My name is Rok Sribar. I'm a husband, a father of two young women kayakers, and a kayaker in my own right. I'm an independent management consultant and a small business owner in Auburn, CA. I learned to canoe and kayak as a young boy during the summer of 1972. Several decades later, I still enjoy kayaking on pristine rivers all around the world. The main reason my family chose to live in Auburn is our love for unique and beautiful rivers of the Sierra Nevada; where the South Fork of the Feather river is a prime example. Although the SF Feather is relatively far from Auburn, over 80 miles one way, it has become is the principal destination for several weekends (and week days) of our family and friends every October for the last eight years.

I'm writing this email in support of the **American Whitewater** advocacy regarding the relicensing process. In particular, my family is asking SWRCB to include American Whitewater for consultation regarding the Recreation Management Plan and Scheduling of the whitewater boating flows below the Little Grass Valley, South Fork Diversion, and Forbestown Diversion Dams.

The SF Feather is not only a beautiful river with challenging whitewater (class IV/V boating), its canyon forests are magical, and it is the only river of its type that has been consistently flowing in the state of California during the Fall for the last decade or so.

Because I'm an experienced kayaker and have paddled on the SF Feather over fifty days in the last decade, I would like to recommend that SWRCB considers the following flows as optimal for a safe and enjoyable river experience during recreational releases:

- Below the Little Grass Valley Dam: 400-450 cfs
- Downstream of South Fork Diversion Dam: 300-400 cfs
- Downstream of Forbestown Dam: 375-400 cfs. I've successfully navigated this stretch of the river at flows above 400 cfs several times during the spring of 2011 (when the dam spilled over). I can tell you that those flows were phenomenal.

SWRCB would make a significant positive impact on the paddling community by scheduling Recreational Releases during three consecutive weekends for each reach. As you can imagine, Recreational Releases extended to four days (three consecutive long weekends) would make an even more substantial positive impact on the community.

Access is often a challenge for responsible kayakers and canoeists. SWRCB should identify suitable existing put-ins and take-outs (in consultation with American Whitewater), and require that they remain open for river access for the lifetime of the license.

To make this public resource productive, as accessible as possible, and logistically feasible SWRCB should require the licensee to provide year-round real-time streamflow information in the form of real flow data measured and broadcasted to the California Data Exchange Center (CDEC) in 15-minutes intervals downstream of:

- the Little Grass Valley Dam,
- the South Fork Diversion Dam,
- the Forbestown Diversion Dam,

- the Lost Creek Dam, and
- the Slate Creek Diversion Dam.

The current requirement for daily average streamflow information updated on a weekly basis is insufficient for the public to determine a safe time to paddle or recreate on the South Fork Feather.

Sincerely,

Rok Sribar, Ph.D.

Colombano, Meiling

From: wecrenshaw@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of william crenshaw
<wecrenshaw@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 17, 2018 4:18 PM
To: Colombano, Meiling
Subject: SF Feather Draft 401 Certification

Dear Meiling Colombano,

As a former member of the U.S.A Kayak Team, Current President and Chair of the River Management Advisory Committee for El Dorado County, and lifelong whitewater kayaker, I am personally writing in support of the recreational releases outlined in the Water Board's Draft 401 Water Quality Certification for the South Feather River Project (FERC No. P-2088). South Feather Water & Power would add outstanding whitewater recreational opportunities to the area by continuing South Fork Feather River Fall releases below Little Grass Valley and providing new spring releases below the South Fork Diversion and Forbestown Diversion.

River recreation opportunities are an important aspect of licensing agreements, and ensure that California rivers remain used, accessible, and provide to the greatest number of people for public benefits. Maintaining and enhancing recreational opportunities for river use has many co-benefits including: supporting economic values through river users and other recreation supporting the local and regional economy; encouraging public health and wellness through increased outdoor recreational activities and passive recreation; and the social benefits that wild and scenic reactional places like the SF of the Feather River provide for a broad based outdoor community.

I understand the importance of river recreation to a large community of stakeholders, and I ask that the SWRCB's Draft Water Quality Certification include provisions for consultation with American Whitewater and paddler stakeholders regarding the Recreation Management Plan and annual whitewater boating schedules. Additionally, it is important for paddlers to get real-time hourly flow information on all reaches to help us plan safe and timely river trips during recreational flow days and when flow opportunities arise throughout the year.

Thank you for you consideration.

Sincerely,

William Crenshaw

Sincerely,
Mr. william crenshaw
905 Hidden Way Placerville, CA 95667-6529 wecrenshaw@gmail.com

Colombano, Meiling

From: william boyer <oliverboyer@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Thursday, January 18, 2018 7:55 AM
To: Colombano, Meiling
Subject: Comments about South Fork Feather River Hydropower relicensing
Attachments: SFF comments.pdf

Mr. Colombano,

Thank you for your continued hard work across the state, and acknowledgment of all hydropower-related parties. Through the work of SWRCB the citizens of California have been able to reach many fair agreements, and I believe that recreation opportunities are flourishing. I hope that will continue to be the trend into the future, and that SWRCB will continue its excellent relationship with American Whitewater.

I am writing because I would like to share some personal comments and opinions about the South Fork Feather Hydropower relicensing process. You will find those comments recorded in my attached PDF letter. Please don't hesitate to contact me for more information if you so desire.

Thank you for your time, and I hope that the new year has been treating you well so far.

Best,

Will Boyer

775-560-1029

oliverboyer@sbcglobal.net

To Meiling Colombano and all others at the State Water Resource Control Board,

I am writing to share my opinions about the current hydropower relicensing for the South Fork Feather River. As an avid whitewater kayaker and professional hydrologist, I have a deep love and respect for that river. It is a true gem for recreation, and one that I think deserves continued recreational releases.

Personally, I have the most experience with the reach downstream of Little Grass Valley Reservoir. Each fall, reservoir releases provide us with reliable and consistent flows, and I am fortunate to live close enough for many trips. I first visited this stretch around five years ago, and was simultaneously enthralled, impressed, and (a little) terrified. It is truly an awesome section of expedition-quality whitewater, which starts with an intimidating section of class 5 rapids. Further downstream (or for those who choose to walk the first gorge) the pace mellows somewhat (class 4-4+), and the river contains incredible scenery and too many fun rapids to count. This stretch is totally relentless, with one rapid constantly followed by another, keeping you on your toes. Out of all the rivers I've paddled, its absolutely one of my favorite sections.

Thanks to the continuous periods of flows (3-4 weeks) which have been historically provided, this river is also an excellent training ground. Continual releases provide a unique opportunity for boaters to learn the river, master its most challenging rapids, and fine tune expert-level skills. In addition, boatable flows have also been historically provided in the fall months, at a time when there are few other whitewater options in the state. However, it's not just the convenient timing of releases that draws in expert kayakers, this is truly a quality run. For many years we have had an informal race on the river, which takes place in the challenging first gorge. Locals train on the race course every day prior, and this year the event even drew in a scattering of professionals from across the west. After the race, comments revolved around the river, with many concluding that the event deserved more recognition and popularity because of its fantastic whitewater. That's already happening, as each year the race has grown and this year we again had a record turnout.

It is my understanding that the relicensing process also considers recreation on two additional reaches (downstream of South Fork Diversion Dam, and downstream of Forbestown Diversion Dam). I have not had the opportunity to explore these sections, as they typically lack water and their flow gauges are unreliable. However, I've heard great things about them (especially the Forbestown Section). Given the opportunity for a recreational release, I would certainly take advantage of the available water, and I know that many others would as well. As the South Fork Feather becomes more well-known and popular with whitewater kayakers, expanding recreation opportunities to these other reaches would be an excellent endeavor.

The following sections include a few specific comments I have regarding recreational releases on the system:

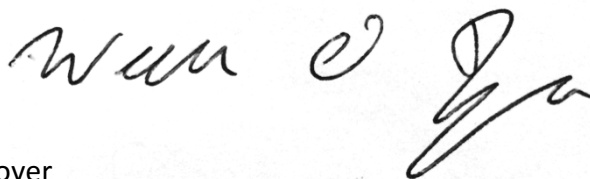
1. American Whitewater is an organization that represents us (the boaters), and is run, maintained, and organized by us. We are a stakeholder in the relicensing process, and American Whitewater should be included for consultations regarding the Recreation Management Plan and whitewater boating schedules for all sections of the South Fork Feather. Whitewater kayaking is a major interest for this outstanding resource, and we want to be included further in the process.

2. SWRCB should require the new license to target optimum boating flows during recreational releases. These optimum flows greatly increase the quality of whitewater recreation on the river, and help make this section the world-class run that it is. Over the last few years we've been fortunate enough to have flows near (or at) the optimum, and the river is substantially improved from previous, lower flows. My requested optimum flows are:
Downstream of Little Grass Valley Dam: 350-450 cfs (more water, less rocks)
Downstream of South Fork Diversion Dam: 250-400 cfs
Downstream of Forbestown Dam: 300-400 cfs (again, I haven't done this section myself, but I have been told that these flows are the best)
3. Historically, recreational releases on the section below Little Grass Valley Reservoir have lasted for 3-4 weeks, which is an incredible resource for whitewater kayakers. I would not want to see that amount of time diminished. At a minimum, recreational releases should include two consecutive weekend flows for each section.
4. We are fortunate enough to have access to the river at many places, and this access should remain available. I would like for SWRCB to recognize the existing put-ins and take-outs (kayakers can easily help with that), and require that they remain open of access.
5. Stream flow information has been historically lacking for the South Fork Feather, and I would personally like to see it improved. Having access to stream flows is important for whitewater recreation, as it informs us paddlers about what rivers are currently open for recreation. A lack of stream flow information has kept whitewater enthusiasts off the Forbestown section, since it rarely has water and no one knows when it does. In addition, a faulty gauge below Little Grass Valley Reservoir had boaters guessing about flows and avoiding the river last year because they didn't think it was flowing. There's no reason to provide recreational water, if kayakers don't know it's being released.

I believe that SWRCB should require the licensee to provide year-round stream flow information in the form of 15-minute or hourly flow data for the reaches in question. The current requirement for daily average streamflow information, updated on a weekly basis is insufficient for the public to determine a safe time to recreate (in all forms) on the South Fork Feather. In addition, the requested data should be provided to the California Data Exchange Center.

Thank you for your time, and for reading my comments. I greatly appreciate the work you do, and your coordination with the whitewater community. As a result, California has become a mecca for great whitewater, thanks to quality rivers and reliable flows.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Will Boyer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized "W" and "B".

Will Boyer

Colombano, Meiling

From: craigblackard@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Craig Blackard
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Sent: Thursday, January 18, 2018 1:34 AM
To: Colombano, Meiling
Subject: SF Feather Draft 401 Certification

Dear Meiling Colombano,

As a whitewater paddler, I am writing in support of the recreational releases outlined in the Water Board's Draft 401 Water Quality Certification for the South Feather River Project (FERC No. P-2088). South Feather Water & Power would add outstanding whitewater recreational opportunities to the area by continuing South Fork Feather River Fall releases below Little Grass Valley and providing new spring releases below the South Fork Diversion and Forbestown Diversion.

I ask that SWRCB's Draft Water Quality Certification include provisions for consultation with American Whitewater and paddler stakeholders regarding the Recreation Management Plan and annual whitewater boating schedules. Additionally, it is important for paddlers to get real-time hourly flow information on all reaches to help us plan safe and timely river trips during recreational flow days and when flow opportunities arise throughout the year.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment.

Sincerely,

Sincerely,
Mr. Craig Blackard
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craigblackard@gmail.com

Colombano, Meiling

From: jp.hoest@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Justin Hoest
<jp.hoest@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 18, 2018 2:59 PM
To: Colombano, Meiling
Subject: SF Feather Draft 401 Certification

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment.

Sincerely,

Sincerely,
Mr. Justin Hoest
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Colombano, Meiling

From: oz.robharvey@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Rob Harvey
<oz.robharvey@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 18, 2018 9:53 AM
To: Colombano, Meiling
Subject: SF Feather Draft 401 Certification

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment.

Sincerely,

Sincerely,
Mr Rob Harvey
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oz.robharvey@gmail.com

Colombano, Meiling

From: viren.perumal@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Viren Perumal
<viren.perumal@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 18, 2018 8:29 AM
To: Colombano, Meiling
Subject: SF Feather Draft 401 Certification

Dear Meiling Colombano,

As a whitewater paddler, I am writing in support of the recreational releases outlined in the Water Board's Draft 401 Water Quality Certification for the South Feather River Project (FERC No. P-2088). South Feather Water & Power would add outstanding whitewater recreational opportunities to the area by continuing South Fork Feather River Fall releases below Little Grass Valley and providing new spring releases below the South Fork Diversion and Forbestown Diversion.

I ask that SWRCB's Draft Water Quality Certification include provisions for consultation with American Whitewater and paddler stakeholders regarding the Recreation Management Plan and annual whitewater boating schedules. Additionally, it is important for paddlers to get real-time hourly flow information on all reaches to help us plan safe and timely river trips during recreational flow days and when flow opportunities arise throughout the year.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment.

Sincerely,

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Colombano, Meiling

From: Thomas Moore <kwood4life@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, January 19, 2018 3:07 PM
To: Colombano, Meiling
Cc: Theresa L. Simsiman
Subject: South Fork Feather

Hello, my name is Thomas Moore and I am a Whitewater kayaker from Sacramento. I am writing you to express my passion and concern for the South Fork of the Feather River below little Grass Valley Reservoir and the riches below it. I have been kayaking on this stretch of river since 2006. Every year I look forward to having water released into the South Fork feather out of little Grass Valley Reservoir. The fall time is a very unique time to go kayaking because most rivers have dried up and there are very few choices when it comes to being a kayaker. This stretch of river is exceptional! Pristine Beauty and exciting thrills for miles and miles.

I would like to take this time to address some concerns that I have and I know many other of my fellow kayakers share.

1. The first is that I would like to mention American Whitewater. This organization has been key in representing the voice and concerns of Whitewater community all over the country. I highly urge and recommend that their opinions and expertise be considered in your license process. They represent the interest of the boating community here in California and around this country.

2. When it comes to recreational flows for the stretches below little Grass Valley and others I have listed ideal clothes that are good for overall safety and enjoyment.

Downstream of Little Grass Valley Dam: 350-550 cfs
• Downstream of South Fork Diversion Dam: 250-400 cfs
• Downstream of Forbestown Dam: 300-400 cfs

3. I would also recommend that when it comes to timing of flows that releases be at least two weekends per year or more for each stretch of river.

4. When it comes to access at the river it is key that these access points are recognized and remain open for river access for the lifetime of the license.

5. Stream flow data – we need the South Fork Water Agency to provide year-round real-time streamflow information in the form of 15-minute flow data where available or hourly flow information if 15-minute data is unavailable for the South Fork Feather River downstream of Little Grass Valley Dam; South Fork Diversion Dam; Forbestown Diversion Dam; Lost Creek downstream of Lost Creek Dam and Slate Creek downstream of Slate Creek Diversion Dam. The current requirement for daily average streamflow information updated on a weekly basis is insufficient for the public to determine a safe time to paddle, fish or recreate on the South Fork Feather.

All streamflow information should be provided to the California Data Exchange Center (CDEC).

Thank you for taking the time to hear my concern.

Sincerely,
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Colombano, Meiling

From: Kronikdyver@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Joshua Roberts
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Sent: Thursday, January 25, 2018 4:37 AM
To: Colombano, Meiling
Subject: SF Feather Draft 401 Certification

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