

During the pandemic my family had 1 option for entertainment and that was to go outside on the river. Though we lived on the river we didn't spend as much time boating as there were many other things that were pulling our time, but last year our family had one of the best summers of lives and it was because we were together as a family doing traditional outdoor activities. I saw so many families with small children on the river with their families tubing, skiing, etc. It was quite the sight and made me see the positive of the pandemic which was kids were outside and families were together doing fun safe boating activity.

It would be an absolute shame to take this family activity away from so many that build family memories doing things together. Shouldn't our goal be to build opportunities for families to bond and do shared activities rather than forcing folks off the river and back into gaming rooms and other activities that don't support our mission to get our youth more exercise.

I am all about preserving our environment and what make Oregon special and want to look for ways to preserve it while at the same time trying to preserve family values and opportunities to get our kids outside and bonding with their family.

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