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It has been quite devastating to our family to not be able to pull our grandchildren on our tube because our boat has the ability to fill its ballists. We rarely use this feature of our boat. We have made so many memories and bonds with our teenage children and their friends and now our grandchildren. The time in our boat is very precious to my husband and myself. the kids don't understand. And really, neither do I. we see the erosion the winter brings. We see the families on the river. The waves as you pass each other. Since the ban on our public river, water traffic is significantly less. The energy of the river is less. Families not spending time like they used to. We took a few rides but it's not a whole day affair anymore. The economy has certainly had a negative impact as well. Are we actually accomplishing anything with this ban. Where is the evidence that it's the boats. How is it that such a small pool of people are able to make such a decision for so many without a discussion or evidence. It is very frustrating that such liberties are taken to ban such a wonderfully wholesome activity for so many. The repercussions on our families as well as the economic repercussions. The PUBLIC waterway. Educate us. Encourage us to make choices that reduce damage. Those impacted by this decision love our rivers and their banks. Teach us. It is too extreme and feels unjust. My grandkids are very sad and very confused. We miss our days on the river!!!!

Thank you for taking the time to read my thoughts and opinions.

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