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Putting ballest restrictions has unfairly restricted many families from enjoying the the river and has forced them to travel/drive for hours if they want to enjoy their boating activites. many families do not have the time or resources for such travel and have been prevented from enjoying any waterway because of this. Towing a boat a long distance is also not good for the environment in concerns of gas consumption. It also causes more wear on the roads. Boats with ballest are still less detrimental to the river than larger boats without ballest. The tubing/surfing/wakeboarding community has been unfairly targetted