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*Is the Middle Fork next? As you can tell this really hits on utters proposal. I guess the issue is "hotter" than I realized (we just ran onto this).*

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94TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

## S. CON. RES. 56

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 25 (legislative day, JULY 21), 1975

Mr. GARY W. HART submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs

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### CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Calling for a fair and equitable allocation of restricted-use outdoor recreational resources.

Whereas there has been a dramatic increase in the use of our outdoor recreational resources, and specifically in the use of white water trips down the Colorado River through the Grand Canyon National Park; and

Whereas one hundred and twenty-five qualified noncommercial parties involving roughly two thousand people have been denied permission for trips down the Colorado River for the 1975 river running season; and

Whereas the cost of passage by commercial concessionaires is often at a cost greater than that experienced by noncommercial users in comparable white water trips; and

Whereas a similar situation prevails on other rivers regulated by the National Park Service of the Department of the In-



terior, such as the Yampa and Green Rivers in Dinosaur National Monument and the Colorado River in Canyonlands National Park; and

Whereas the law states that the Secretary of the Interior may "grant privileges, leases, and permits for the use of land for the accommodation of visitors in the various parks, monuments, or other reservations . . . and no natural curiosity, wonder, or object of interest shall be leased, rented, or granted to anyone on such terms as to interfere with free access to them by the public . . ." (16 U.S.C. 3); and

Whereas the law further states that "It is the policy of the Congress that such development shall be limited to those that are necessary and appropriate for public use and enjoyment of the national park area in which they are located and that are consistent to the highest practicable degree with the preservation and conservation of the area . . ." (16 U.S.C. 20); and

Whereas all efforts have been made to petition the Department of the Interior for relief from the use of 1972 as a base year in determining the allocation between commercial and qualified noncommercial use of the Colorado River: Now, therefore, be it

1        *Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives*  
2 *concurring)*, That the Secretary of the Interior should initi-  
3 ate a comprehensive revision of regulations governing the  
4 allocation of use between commercial and qualified non-  
5 commercial users of the Colorado River through the Grand  
6 Canyon National Park, and governing the use of all other  
7 rivers with recreational potential in lands administered by



1 the Department of the Interior, to insure a fair and equitable  
2 allocation of use between commercial and qualified non-  
3 commercial users.

4       SEC. 2. Until such time as fair and equitable regulations  
5 can be written pursuant to the first section of this resolution,  
6 the allocation of use of all rivers with recreational potential  
7 in lands administered by the Department of the Interior, if  
8 such an allocation of use is deemed desirable by the Secre-  
9 tary, should provide for the maximum use of such rivers by  
10 the qualified noncommercial users, including organized edu-  
11 cational groups, and for the remaining use by the commercial  
12 users.



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