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I support the highest level of protection, Tier III(A), for the Green River watershed. The Green River valley constitutes a complex network of tributaries and wetlands that are vital to health of the entire region. Keeping it pristine will support threatened species in the entire region, now and in the future. This is the site of a multi-organizational & tribal effort to protect species and to improve habitats. Don't foil it. A 'protected' Green River provides scientists w/opportunities to to study ecological processes after the 1980 Mount St. Helens eruption & serves as an area of pristine forest for scientific comparisons. Assigning a Tier III(A) level of protection will ensure that future threats to the ecosystem are less likely.