

My name is Cade Harrison Hertz. I am 12 years old and in the sixth grade and live in Accord, New York. I have run the Magpie every year since I was six. This August will be my seventh time. I have run some of the most beautiful rivers in the world and this is by far the best. If you dam this river there will never be something like it again, ever, as long as you can imagine.

On all my Magpie trips I have gone with over 100 different people and not one of them has said they didn't like it. Most of them say it is the greatest thing they had ever done. There are so many things on the Magpie that are so awesome like the giant waterfalls, challenging whitewater, amazing camps and some portages which are the most beautiful parts of the river, and lots more.

The dam your putting up will flood one of my favorite canyons near the end of the trip. I love that canyon because it has the biggest rapid on the trip and a 30-foot falls that is too hard to raft. My dad said I could not run that rapid until I was 13. Next year would be my first time if the river is not dammed. The lake from the dam would flood right up to the coolest camp I've ever seen. It's on a huge flat rock where you sleep. It looks one way at an 80-foot falls and around the corner at a 20-foot falls. I also love the river because you can kayak part of it at almost any level of kayaking.

If you dam this river you will waste money and resources. You might get some back but you can never get the river back or the time you wasted and in 40 or 50 years they will have a different kind of energy and they will not need the dam, I am almost positive. You're not just damming a river to get money but your hurting lots of people. I wait all year to run this river. I have a calendar and I count down the days till the Magpie trip. Right now its May 19, 2004 there are 99 days left.

I really hope you will change your mind and not dam one of the best rivers and the only one like it. I am writing you this letter because this is my favorite river and I will do anything if you don't dam the Magpie.

From,
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