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Simply put, wakeboard boats should be limited both in size and the sheer numbers of boats allowed. Contrary to what wakeboard boat owners claim, they do in fact destroy the riverbanks and contribute greatly to erosion. If you need proof of this, look at Prineville Reservoir. I have been going boating there for decades and have seen the before and after of the damage that these crafts do to the shoreline. There has been significant destruction of the shoreline. Also, the bass fishing there is now terrible and has been since wakeboard boats began their activity. I was told by the local forest service personnel at the state park, that scuba divers have seen and personally witnessed the shoreline erosion and destruction. Also, the waves that are purposely generated by these wakeboard boats, do NOT just disappear in a few hundred feet, so once again, the comments made by wakeboard boat owners is just plain false and wrong. If you want or need to see exactly how large and destructive the waves generated can be, I invite you to come out with me on our 18 ft 1930 dual cockpit wood boat....you will experience first hand the size and destructive power of these purpose generated waves. Thank you for your time and consideration.