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## Adirondack Council hopes governor is serious

The Adirondack Council hopes that Gov. Andrew Cuomo is serious about personally participating in the “Adirondack Challenge,” national whitewater rafting event, said John Sheehan, a spokesman for the environmental organization.

“I think that if the governor himself participates that would be a media spectacle that would be good for the park’s image over all.” Sheehan said.

Cuomo announced the event in his State of the State speech on Wednesday, but revealed few details, other than the event being planned for this year will include a division for politicians.

State Sen. Elizabeth Little, R-Queensbury, an avid kayaker, said in a press release she plans to participate.

“I look forward to recruiting a team of colleagues to compete in the Adirondack whitewater rafting challenge!” she said in the press release, including an exclamation point for emphasis.

The national media would take interest if Cuomo personally participates, Sheehan said in a telephone interview on Thursday.

“It would give us a chance to showcase the Adirondacks as a place where environmental protection and economic development work hand in hand.”