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Comments: Citizens for a Better Flathead asks that you consider the following concerns:

--- Actual commercial use in the past five years on the Middle Fork has been twice the permitted level of 35,713 service days. This cannot be rewarded by quadrupling the permitted service days!

---The Wild and Scenic Rivers Act requires the FS to protect and enhance the river's Outstanding Remarkable Values, such as uncrowded recreational opportunities, which have already been degraded. Permitted commercial use must be reduced!

---Strict use and party size limits must be set, monitored and immediately enforced through management actions clearly defined in the Plan.

---Support the 60db recreation noise limit, the ban on dogs and stopping of boats near the Essex Goat Lick, and ask that drones be banned and other measures implemented to avoid displacing wildlife from the Wild and Scenic corridors.

\*Additional proposed actions are needed regarding food storage and vegetative management; certain existing actions require strengthening and clarity include those regarding permits, outfitter/guide service days, fire pans/blankets, human waste, and train spill prevention.

\*All indicators, triggers, and thresholds require addition of specific menus of management actions that the agency may undertake should triggers be reached.

\*Additional indicators, including those from the 2019 proposed action, are needed to ensure adequate monitoring for maintenance and enhancement of recreational, wildlife, and botany outstandingly remarkable values (ORVs).

Additionally we support and ask you to give through considerations of the comments of the Swan View Coalition, The Flathead River Alliance, and American Rivers.