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Comments: My family does not just own property in the North Fork of the Flathead River corridor, rather, our property is a member of our family. Just as we love each other, we have a great love for the North Fork area.

Over the years, we have experienced an inundation by those who, understandably, wish to recreate in the area especially on the North Fork of the Flathead River. Unfortunately this enthusiasm has had effects on those of us who own property in the North Fork of the Flathead River corridor.

We have been witness to, experienced and felt obligated to respond to:

trespass,

litter,

noise,

road dust,

broken down vehicles,

resource degradation,

poaching,

road hunting

illegal fires

near death incidences of day users.

The list goes on and those incidents occur every year, particularly during the warmer months.

The proposed management plan of the North Fork of the Flathead River is of particular concern. I believe a fair management paradigm would differentiate from the land owner who owns river front property and those who wish to recreate either by day use or overnight.

I do not support a permit system that would in any way restrict the use of those of us who own river front property whether it be day use or overnight.

I do however support a well developed and managed recreational permitting system for day use and overnight use by permit seekers who reside outside of the North Fork of the Flathead River Corridor.