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Comments: I am very concerned with the proposal concerning Flathead River Wild and Scenic River Comprehensive River Management Plan: Scooping 2019, Project 56536 (also the South, and Middle Fork). I feel any type of restriction to our local residents would be devastating. I don't feel that restricting the residence that keeps our local economy running year around and paying for the care of our roads.... should have rights taken away from us. If we turn to permit use it will become a money game just like the permit for the Christmas tree it started out free now you have to buy a permit. Or it will become like the Smith River where you have a better chance of hitting the lottery than pulling a permit to float the Smith River! There are better ways to protect our rivers like limiting the number of rafts the raft companies can float in a day, in less than a two-mile stretch headed into Glacier Park there are 4 major raft companies with an endless amount of rafts. You can also have tourist pull permits to float the river to help support our local Fishing Game for managing our rivers. The Fishing Game should have check-in stations, just like our local lake access has, with porta-potties and trash cans. They can inspect floaters rafts and fishing license, the Fishing Game should not be floating down the river. Also, restrict the number of days the river is allowed to be fished, make sure these days are the opposite from other rivers. This will help with stress on our fish and our fisherman will still have other rivers to fish 7 days a week. If you are visiting Alaska there is land there that only the locals can fish, like Sweetheart Creek. So don't restrict our local residence or landowners on the river that pays high taxes to have access to our rivers! I want my family for generations to have the right to float the rivers and enjoy what our ancestors have enjoyed. Our summers are short don't take our rivers rights away.