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Comments: I understand that your agency is in the process of laying the foundation for river permitting on the flathead. I oppose this if the only group of backcountry users you seek to inhibit is boaters. Although i am neutral to permitting in general i do not think it is fair or even justified to restrict only boaters and not hikers and horsepavkers as well. I was on the s.fork for 7 days in july and never had an issue with overcrowding, i met 4 other parties during that time frame and never once spent a night on the river in view of another group. As such i dont believe that at this time permitting is required.