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Comments: To Whom It May Concern,

I greatly appreciate and understand the need for river regulation in our area. Here are my overall considerations:

I think we should charge American citizens with a postal address in the Flathead Valley a permit per river. For example. A river permit May-October would cost citizen A: \$100 for the North Fork, \$100 for the Middle Fork and \$100 for the South Fork. This cost would be per watercraft, regardless of the size. This would allow Citizen A to float the rivers for which they have a permit any time of the summer. Out of town/state guests would be required to enter a lottery system for all forks of each river, and outfitters could be limited to number of floats/day/river.

I, perhaps, might purchase a North and Middle fork permit, but not a South Fork. For \$200, I have two stickers on my boat that allow me to float the North or Middle forks any time May-October.

I strongly request that permits are made available to local, Montana residents. These waters are the main reason I live in the Flathead Valley. As a community, I feel we are the most invested river users and deserve the right to access those rivers.