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Comments: Hello River Managers!

Thanks for the great job that you are doing in trying to create a CRMP for our wild & scenic rivers!

I live north of Polebridge on the North Fork of the Flathead River and I am a frequent river user. I know that many North Fork landowners support a permit system for the river in order to decrease the overuse of the river. However, most of us also want to be able to use the river that flows through the middle of our community and is a major part of our lives.

I would suggest the following things if a permitting system goes into effect:

1. Only require permits in the height of the season when the most use occurs: July 1-August 15.
2. Since most use happens between 10:00-4:00 each day, allow people to float the river without a permit if they start their float after 4:00pm. (Since the days are long, an evening float works well[hellip].and there are usually not many people on the river then.)
3. Designate 2 days each week as "open days" when no permit is required (but no outfitters will be allowed on those days).. River users on those days will know that there will not be solitude, but it will allow locals to float each week like we are used to doing.

Thanks for all of the work that you are doing.