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Comments: My 2 cents: Limiting access to the Flathead river system only seems to hurt the locals. They have a few days a week to float or fish and most times are not planned. Permitting is a bad idea. Used to be able to float the Smith now it has taken 10 years to get another permit. Do not want to see that happen here. No one seems to be addressing advertisements. On line, radio and TV always promoting tourism (even the forest service). Now that all these people are coming you are saying just don't go here or there. (or float the river). Seems people want tourist dollars, just don't want the tourists. I have been floating and fishing here for 25 + years and do not want to see my ability to grab my gear and go, go away. Limit group float size or nights on the river, not access.