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Comments: The current plan in place, although not perfect seems to be fine. More people enjoying our rivers is not a bad thing and should be expected when you designate a river as Wild and Scenic. If you don't enjoy being on the river when it is super busy, then adjust your dates or the time of day that you launch. The word solitude does not show up anywhere in the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, yet that seems to be the reason for limiting use. A raft, kayak, tube, canoe, surfboard or whatever you are floating on has little, if any environmental impact on a free-flowing river. Improving the river access sites should be the discussion. This could be funded in part, by a per person fee assessed to the for-profit outfitters who are using our public resource. Easy to track and easy to collect. I am not for limiting use by outfitters, as they are good stewards of the river and are often called upon in times of need. Rather than complaining about them we should partner with them to provide the funds needed to make improvements which will benefit everyone. I am also concerned why the narrative has changed since the first public meeting several years ago. The discussion then was predominantly about improvements to river access, river etiquette and oil cars on the BNSF. Now all the talk is about permits to restrict usage. The requirement to update the CRMP does not mean a full-scale revamp of the plan. Adopting an enforced leave no trace principal along with better education on river etiquette and a list of site improvements would be the fine tuning of the current plan that I think most everyone would be in favor of. Sometimes less is more.