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Comments: Dear Sirs:

Thank you for allowing me to comment on this process. As you have described, this is a complicated process and project and must entertain myriad variables, many of which are unforeseen, unpredicted, and potentially may not be able to be leveraged.

Several comments I would submit:

1. The pandemic - driven population surge to states like Montana, along with the desire of many individuals and families to move from either "left coast" create significant dilemmas. Many bring their liberal ideologies with them and want to "change" Montana. Their ideas, in my opinion, should rarely, if ever, be considered. "Go back from wherever it is you came..." seems like a good response.
2. The State's abundant waterways and backcountry should come first, meaning that much of the amenities of convenience should come last, i.e., if one wants those, then go visit Yellowstone or Glacier Nat'l Parks.
3. Fishing must be, unfortunately, more controlled on the rivers; watercraft, boats, rafts, etc need to be managed aggressively or the rivers and streams will become overused, damaged and polluted. You can see signs of that on the Bitterroot and BigHole rivers now. Again, from my viewpoint, much of what is done to protect the rivers and streams are done in reaction rather than proactively.
4. Hunting, I believe, needs to be that....hunting; some access roads clearly need to be maintained and remain open but vehicle travel management plans need to be developed, updated and enforced. Game responds to pressure. The largest amount of pressure comes from vehicular access. This means all motorized vehicles including 4-wheelers, side-by-sides and electric bikes (these "bicycles" have a MOTOR....hello....albeit electric); Will that limit some "hunters"? sure....but that is the name of the game....or should be. This would or should be equally applied to outfitters as well.
5. Forest management and stewardship is abysmal. I would argue that since much of the administration within the FS at top and regional levels is now under democrat, liberal and marxist ideology, little will get done in terms of good forest management; if you want more hunters going off road to hunt and pack out their game, then clean up some of the forests. The BHDL NF is an abyss and a catastrophic fire waiting to happen. Same with the Bitterroot. Do the right thing and manage the forests or let nature do it and let it burn! I hear the latter all the time yet when forest fires erupt, the first cry is "put it out".
6. Most outfitters are legitimate sportsmen, outdoorsmen, and businessmen and women - however, many are not and they should be police among themselves and well as managed from state perspectives. There should also be limits in terms of the number of licensed outfitters for any one region or area. Is that currently the case or am I mistaken
7. Predators need to be managed -- this means the arctic wolves and the grizzly bears. and I mean managed like any other species. Griz are not afraid of humans; more wolf encounters will be seen. if lefties in CA, CO, IL, MA NY, etc feel so strongly about these species, how about trapping several dozen and placing in those respective states.....they can then manage them however they want. But until you have good forest stewardship and habitat, (much) better elk and deer management, better road travel management and a realistic view of managing predators instead of listening to hollywood, your current forest management, hunting and fishing plans, and outfitter plans will be suboptimal.