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Comments: Dear Mr. Muñoz and Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex Managers Group,

I am in opposition to the reauthorization of any commercial for profit or not for profit float uses on the Hungry Horse Ranger District Middle Fork Flathead River and Spotted Bear Ranger District on the South Fork Flathead River until such time as the Flathead National Forest completes and approves an update of the Comprehensive River Management Plan for the 3 Forks of the Flathead. It would be a grave disservice to issue these permits for a 10-year period and then modify the CRMP and have conflicts with the issued permits. While there is data showing annual commercial user days on these rivers there is no data regarding private use on the river. River use has exploded due to the many new watercraft individuals can use to access remote rivers. The ORV's in the 1982 CRMP could very well be exceeded now. Any permit extensions should be short in duration so when a revised CRMP is adopted these permits could be modified to comply with the new CRMP and then extended to 10 years. The river corridor is small for these two river sections, camps are limited and without data or insight on combined commercial and public use over the past 5 years and any conflicts or degradation arising from increased use more information is necessary before a 10-year extension should be granted.