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Comments: As a long time river runner, and ex river company owner, who has watched the degradation of the three forks of the Flathead for decades due to overuse, I object to allowing river companies an extension for use of the upper Middle Fork of the Flathead River system before we have a new Comprehensive River Management Plan (CRMP). We have been promised the CRMP for years now, it makes no sense to give long term extensions of permits without having the information necessary to determine what degree degradation is occurring.

I have personally seen multiple fire rings, used toilet paper in plain sight, trash at campsites now. I am a strong supporter of companies and private people enjoying the River system, however, I believe we should hold firm on extending permits until we see what the CRMP study has to say.