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Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the next management plan for the Flathead River. The North Fork of the Flathead should represent the ideal of a Wild and Scenic River, but massive unregulated recreational use has rendered it far from wild, and in fact has made it less scenic as well. Visitor use at the moment is in direct opposition to the fundamental philosophy and practice of the Wild and Scenic designation. In short, if there are hundreds of users per day on the North Fork, could that possibly be called wild? Everyone wants to recreate on the North Fork, but the reality is that not everyone who wants to will be able to do so if the river is to remain wild and scenic. Demand is clearly exceeding supply, and just as our National Parks are inexorably moving toward more regulated and restricted access policies, our Wild and Scenic Rivers must do the same. A conservative and well-enforced permit system must be instituted to protect this remarkable resource, before its wild and scenic character is lost to all of us forever.