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Comments: I am a resident of the area stretching north of Polebridge alongside of the North Fork of the Flathead Scenic River. I have seen the difficult and complicated discussions which these days, or recently regarding the problem of this and other wild places 'Loved to Death'.

A solution to the over visitation, under developed visitors facilities, adventurers, and residents, fishermen/women, hunters, to help all of the aforementioned individuals and families find a way to have fair share access, perhaps through a reservation system.

There is no way allow the thousands of visitors all arriving at the same time of year and maintain any sort or semblance of tranquility which is part and parcel of the experience each one is seeking.

Somehow, a system must be created to filter and schedule, and stagger the numbers of people that visit the park each year.

One of the complications that applies to me and many others who already LIVE on private land adjacent to the park and the North Fork is, how do we go about restricting locals who have accessed that river for decades.? It makes us boiling mad to think of being denied the opportunity to go and swim or float, or fish in that river on our doorsteps.

I hope that in addition to a set of ideas for regulating visitors to the area, you will consider some sort of exemption, or residents pass that is fair and considers their ownership.

Primarily of course, the plans, whatever they be, need to serve and protect the river, land, air, forests, wildlife, and the powerful tranquility and peace of this glorious area, That means implementing following strictly enforced guidelines that protect the following resources:

- Prioritizing fish & wildlife

- Providing more information about user capacity numbers

- Clarifying how the Forest Service might manage access and collect data

- Managing the whole corridor, not just the river

- Prioritizing equitable recreational access