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Comments: I strongly object to the implementation of additional permitting systems on our public lands. As a frequent user of these rivers I cannot envision a need for such permitting. If the feds wish to understand the use of these rivers they can send river rangers out to collect data or offer up voluntary surveys. Forcing permits on the public to collect data and eventually switch over to a for profit system for the likes of recreation.gov is a shameful money grab against our lands.

If there are real concerns about the impact users have on the wildlife and rivers then publish that data first. The idea that I can't stop by kayak to fish a given stretch but could hike down to the river to fish is absurd. Limiting dogs also seems unwarranted, as I've yet to hear of any instance of dogs and goats having a negative encounter on the specified stretch of water.

In weekend floating sections of these rivers proposed for limits at 100 or less I have rarely come across more than one or two other parties. Congestion is therefore a non issue with the exception of the flat water between west glacier and Blankenship.

Say no to permits on the Flathead wild and scenic rivers. Keep them free and wild and keep the permits out of our valley.