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Comments: I am so sick and tired of the government coming in and ruining things that have been standard for generations. I'm totally into conservation and environmental protection but I draw the line at public use. People that have lived in this state for decades, with family roots that span generations frequent recreation areas like this, as it is their right to access the land their families have used for centuries. Actions like this bring us one step closer to permitting the river so the ultra wealthy that think they "own" the river, can limit its use by the public. No one owns the rivers and streams, and permitting the river would be a slap in the face to the families that have a long history of river recreation. Drinking and gambling addictions run rampant in this state as there's not much to do, blocking the public's access to our rivers and streams gives people one less productive activity to spend their time on. The only people that benefit from permits are rich landowners and river outfitters, the normal everyday Montanan only stands to lose here. Please do not make this a permit only river.