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Comments: I am encouraged by the forest choosing to act on the recreation situation on the forks of the Flathead. With numbers of private and commercial rafters continuing to rise year over year it is long past time. Eliminating vehicle camping on gravel bars and below the high water line is an absolute no brainer for resource protection, thank you for adding that. Likely there should be an increase in number of camp sites at area FS campgrounds to correspond to the change in user patterns.

I believe splitting the north fork into administrative sections to help manage is a good idea, but sections and their usage levels should not be formalized until much more data can be collected about patterns of use and numbers. The forest should also focus on its shared jurisdiction with Glacier NP on the north fork especially due to the long shared boundary and differing management goals on either side.

For the middle fork, I feel that the user encounter triggers are a bit low unless a lottery permit is out in place.

Please consider as these regs develop that they need a healthy culture of river-based wilderness rangers to accompany. These positions should largely be focused on maintaining a monitoring data set with quantitative thresholds of degradation in camp sites and heavily used areas in the river corridor which should correspond with mandated management restoration or closure actions to protect the resource. I have been a career river ranger on the forks of the salmon in Idaho and it is desperately important to staff these roles in long-term capacities and to work to restore and maintain the river resource.