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Comments: For me the issue is the imbalance between primarily commercial rafting companies and the flathead river system fishery, primarily in section mu2 & amp; 3. Here's an example. The flats below ousel Peak is prime water for fishing and easily accessible for wade fishing dry flies for cutthroat. I've lived in the valley and fished these waters since 1991. There have always been rafters both private and commercial on these waters. A few rafts would float by, I'd reel my line in because the rafts spook the fish so they would stay down. After 5-10 min or so, the fish would start to rise again so I'd cast back out.

Now, especially in the last few years, the commercial raft ompanies send a floatilla of rafts (6 or more) down from moccasin creek every 10 min or so. The bottom line is that the fish NEVER come back up. In my opinion, that creates the imbalance. I get that rafting companies need to make money and thatits a business. But should those of us who enjoy the fishing opportunities of our beautiful river system be penalized? You designate this section, along with other river sections as

Multi Use Recreation. Then make it so.

For example, regulate the launch time from moccasin creek and/ or cascadilla. For example, space out the flotilla, 15-20 apart.