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Comments: It is our duty, all of us, to be good stewards of this beautiful nation, of our protected natural areas, of all the wildlife that have no voice. If not us, who?? For the sake of the Wilderness and its wildlife, limitations on current uses in the Flathead River region should be considered, and an analysis of impacts should expand beyond the river to include the entire corridor a quarter-mile on both sides of the river. Please, please do all you can to protect and preserve.

Habitat protection on the Flathead River is not something that can wait, and the Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex deserves immediate action in order to preserve the wild.

The Forest Service needs more scientific data informing user capacity numbers. Immediate action is critical to address wildlife displacement in Wilderness caused by current recreation numbers.

Immediate action is needed to reduce impacts to the Middle Fork of the Flathead caused by flights in and out of Schafer airstrip in the Great Bear Wilderness.

The vast majority of use on the wild rivers should be allocated to public use, and commercial outfitting and guiding should be limited to only the level that is "necessary and "proper" as required by the Wilderness Act.

Data collection and analysis needs to include the entirety of the Flathead River corridor, one-quarter mile to either side of the river.

Immediate action is needed to bring the impacts along the South Fork of the Flathead into compliance with the area's Wilderness Management Plan.