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Comments: Habitat protection on the Flathead River cannot wait, and immediate action is needed to preserve the Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex. The Forest Service must base user capacity decisions on sound scientific data and address the significant impacts of recreation, including:

Wildlife displacement in Wilderness areas due to current recreation levels.

Overuse of the Middle Fork caused by flights in and out of Schafer Airstrip in the Great Bear Wilderness.

Commercial outfitting and guiding limited to only the level that is "necessary and proper" per the Wilderness Act, ensuring public access remains the priority.

Comprehensive data collection covering the full Flathead River corridor, extending one-quarter mile on either side.

South Fork compliance with the Wilderness Management Plan to mitigate existing impacts.

The Forest Service must act now to protect one of America's most cherished wild places.