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Comments: Dear Forestry Service,

Thank you for your services, your commitments are vital to protecting the great lands of America, and the animals that inhabit the land. Effects on one area, directly impact many others. And due to that, I thank you for your thoughtful work in this area.

While the Flathead Comprehensive River Management Plan includes important and excellent work, there are lingering concerns on several points:

Habitat protection on the Flathead River simply cannot wait, and the Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex deserves immediate action in order to preserve the wild!

As with all meaningful and impactful progress, good data, and an abundance of it, is imperative to ensuring successful policy! 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.

As your fellow citizen, I urge you to give this the attention that is needed for sustained success, and to not stop with surface level data collection and analysis. The earth, our environment and the impact to animal and human lives is real, far reaching, and long lasting. If we have come this far, let's go the extra mile and thoughtfully examine the points noted above.

Respectfully,

Your fellow citizen