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Comments: Regarding the Flathead River Scenic Corridor, the Forest Service's proposed actions fall are not enough in that they don't acknowledge current recreation impacts or address the current significant threats to Wilderness in one of America's preeminent wild places.

Habitat protection must happen now -- not later. The Flathead River must be protected immediately, and the Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex also deserves immediate action in order to preserve the wild.

The Forest Service needs more scientific data about user capacity numbers.

Immediate action is critical to address wildlife displacement in Wilderness caused by current recreation numbers.

Too many people will destroy habitat.

Immediate action 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 for public use. Commercial outfitting and guiding should be limited to only the level that is "necessary and "proper" as required by the Wilderness Act.

When collecting and analyzing data, it needs to encompass 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.