

Data Submitted (UTC 11): 1/30/2025 3:38:52 PM

First name: Gloria

Last name: Shen

Organization:

Title:

Comments: Dear US Forest Service,

Thank you for this opportunity to provide my public comment.

I am writing today about the Flathead Comprehensive River Management Plan #56536.

These are the most important points that I need to bring to your attention:

Habitat protection on the Flathead River must be taken seriously and require immediate action. in order to preserve the wild.

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

Human forms of recreation are adversely impacting wildlife, often causing displacement.

Natural formations and wilderness land is altered quite egregiously by rock climbers and mountain bikers who in my estimation are among the most destructive and selfish of recreation groups. The wilderness does not exist just for them. It is public land to be shared and enjoyed by all, and most especially by the wildlife and the trees that require this space to EXIST.

Aviation equipment is just as destructive with the noise and pollution it brings.

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.

Thank you for your time and consideration.