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The Flathead Wild and Scenic River corridor requires immediate and proactive habitat protection to preserve its wild character, particularly within the Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex. The Forest Service must base user capacity decisions on robust scientific data to ensure sustainable recreation levels. Urgent action is necessary to mitigate wildlife displacement caused by current recreation numbers in designated Wilderness areas. Additionally, steps must be taken to reduce the impact of flights in and out of Schafer airstrip on the Middle Fork of the Flathead River.

Public use should remain the priority on these wild rivers, with commercial outfitting and guiding limited strictly to the "necessary and proper" level defined by the Wilderness Act. Comprehensive data collection and analysis must extend to the entire Flathead River corridor, including a quarter-mile on either side of the river. Lastly, immediate measures are required to align the impacts along the South Fork of the Flathead with the area's Wilderness Management Plan.