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Comments: To Whom it May Concern,

Habitat protection on the Flathead River cannot wait, and the Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex deserves immediate action in order to preserve its wilderness qualities. Immediate action is critical to address wildlife displacement in Wilderness caused by the current recreation numbers. However, the Forest Service needs more scientific data to inform its user capacity numbers. The majority of use on the wild rivers should be allocated to public use, while commercial outfitting and guiding should be limited to a level that is "necessary and "proper" as required by the Wilderness Act.

Immediate action is also needed to reduce impacts to the Middle Fork of the Flathead and wildlife movement caused by flights in and out of the Schafer airstrip in the Great Bear Wilderness. Collection of data to inform decisions needs to include the entirety of the Flathead River corridor, extending to at least one-quarter mile on 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.

Kind Regards