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Comments: I'm a concerned American who cares about wildlife and the environment. I urge the Forest Service to protect Wilderness and wildlife in the Flathead Wild and Scenic River corridor.

Habitat protection on the Flathead River can't wait, and the Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex deserves immediate action in order to preserve the wild.

Immediate action is critical to address wildlife displacement in Wilderness caused by current recreation numbers. Further, the Service needs more scientific data informing user capacity numbers. Also, data collection and analysis needs to include the entirety of the Flathead River corridor, one-quarter mile to either side of the river.

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. Further, I believe that immediate action is needed both to reduce impacts to the Middle Fork of the Flathead caused by flights in and out of Schafer airstrip in the Great Bear Wilderness, and to bring the impacts along the South Fork of the Flathead into compliance with the area's Wilderness Management Plan.

Thank you for considering my comments.