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Comments: Habitat protection on the Flathead River is not something that can 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. Immediate action is also 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. Finally, action is needed to bring the impacts along the South Fork of the Flathead into compliance with the area's Wilderness Management Plan.

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