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Comments: Dear Forest Service,

While the Flathead Comprehensive River Management Plan includes some good actions, including prohibiting parking and car camping on gravel bars; requiring containment of human waste within 200 feet of the river's edge; banning drones; requiring a fire pan or blanket for campfires within or above the highwater mark; and limiting noise level and group size, it is missing some key ingredients.

For example, scientific data on user capacity is lacking. Moreover, wildlife displacement in Wilderness caused by current recreation numbers needs to be addressed, and immediate action is needed to: 1) reduce impacts to the Middle Fork of the Flathead caused by flights in and out of Schafer airstrip in the Great Bear Wilderness; and 2) bring the impacts along the South Fork of the Flathead into compliance with the area's Wilderness Management Plan.

Furthermore, the vast majority of use on the wild rivers should be allocated to the public, with commercial outfitting and guiding limited to only the level that is "necessary and "proper" as required by the Wilderness Act. And, data collection and analysis needs to include the entirety of the Flathead River corridor, one-quarter mile to either side of the river.

Thank you for your consideration of these crucial elements.