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Comments: The Forest Service should take this opportunity to research the impacts recreation is already having on Wilderness and wildlife, and act quickly to address the problems.

Immediate action is critical to address wildlife displacement in Wilderness caused by current recreation numbers, and to reduce impacts to the Middle Fork of the Flathead caused by flights in and out of Schafer airstrip in the Great Bear Wilderness.

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