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Comments: I am commenting in regard to the Flathead Wild and Scenic River and the Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex. The Forest Service proposal regarding new regulations and increased monitoring of recreation use on the Flathead River, including the 87 miles that run through Wilderness is appreciated. Thank you for for taking steps toward limiting impacts and gathering data regarding recreation overuse.

The Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex stands as one of the flagship Wilderness areas in the National Wilderness Preservation System-the 3% of land in the Lower 48 where native wildlife can still find refuge from the pressures of ever-expanding human civilization. For the sake of the Wilderness and its wildlife, limitations on current uses should be considered, and an analysis of impacts should expand beyond the river to include the entire corridor a quarter-mile on both sides 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.

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.

Please also make sure that the impacts along the South Fork of the Flathead are brought into compliance with the area's Wilderness Management Plan. Thank you.