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Comments: To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing because habitat protection on the Flathead River cannot wait, and the Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex deserves immediate action in order to preserve the wildlife and natural resources within it.

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

We also need 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 vast majority of use on the wild rivers should be allocated to public use. At the same time, commercial outfitting and guiding should be limited to only the level that is "necessary and proper" as required by the Wilderness Act.

In any case, immediate action is needed to bring the impacts along the South Fork of the Flathead into compliance with the area's Wilderness Management Plan.

Thank you for your time and consideration.