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Comments: Thank you for your efforts to protect the health of the Flathead River system. As you are proposing new regulations and monitoring of recreation use on the river, please research the current impacts of human interaction and use data with maximum-use projections.

Wildlife is affected by human proximity not only at the river, but at least a quarter mile beyond the banks. Its displacement is something that needs more study. Flights from Schafer airstrip in the Great Bear Wilderness already impacts wildlife.

The Wilderness Management Plan should be heeded, especially in the current climate of disrespect of the environment from Washington.