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Comments: To the Forest Service that we have entrusted to protect our forests and all of its inhabitants and properties.

We need to implement protections on the Flathead River immediately, and actions that preserve the wild in the Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex.

Immediate action is critical to address wildlife displacement in Wilderness caused by current recreation numbers, which includes reducing 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, and commercial outfitting and guiding should be limited to only the level that is "necessary and "proper" as required by the Wilderness Act. Data collection and analysis needs to include the entirety of the Flathead River corridor, one-quarter mile to either side of the river.

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

Please consider all of the above before making final decisions on these very important issues.

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