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Comments: I strongly support protecting habitat on the Flathead River & the Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex deserves immediate action in order to preserve the wild. Immediate action is critical to address wildlife displacement caused by current high human recreation count especially 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, whereas commercial outfitting and guiding should be restricted to only the level that is "necessary and "proper" as required by the Wilderness Act. Going forward, data collection and analysis needs to include the entirety of the Flathead River corridor, one-quarter mile to either side of the river.

We need to immediately bring the impacts along the South Fork of the Flathead into compliance with the area's Wilderness Management Plan!