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Habitat protection on the Flathead River is not something that can wait, and the Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex deserves immediate action in order to preserve the wild. Truly wild areas, which are ecologically necessary as habitat for wildlife, are becoming more rare. Immediate action is critical to address wildlife displacement in Wilderness caused by current recreation numbers.

The Forest Service needs more scientific data informing user capacity numbers. Human visitors to natural areas can cause great harm, both by their behavior and by allowing too many of them in an area over a certain period of time.

Immediate action is 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. Machines such as planes and helicopters do not belong in wilderness, and are contrary to the purpose of the Wilderness Act, if not the letter of that law.

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. The less of this, the better, for both the habitats and for the wildlife who live there.

Data collection and analysis needs to include the entirety of the Flathead River corridor, one-quarter mile to either side of the river.

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