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Comments: There are already to many commercial whitewater permits given on the M.F. Flathead river. Nothing says "wilderness" when a bus drops off 50 clueless people that wander around a parking lot while a safety speech is given. They are unaware of their surroundings while lacking the proper river and boat ramp etiquette. These groups are consistently louder, as they treat the experience like a Disney Land Roller coaster.

While I want more job opportunities for the local community - increasing truck loads of tourists will only hinder the Fly fishing economy and the revenue it currently generates.

More people = worse experience

Also - creating an online permit system only attracts more visitation. If you permit it - they will come.