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Comments: Thank you for allowing input from the public.

Please consider that 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.

First of all the Forest Service needs more scientific data informing user capacity numbers.

I believe that immediate action is critical to address wildlife displacement in Wilderness caused by current recreation numbers. Remember this is supposed to be wilderness, protecting wildlife.

Swift 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.

The largest portion of use on the wild rivers should be allocated to public use, and commercial outfitting and guiding should be limited to the level that is "necessary and "proper" as required by the Wilderness Act.

I recommend that data collection and analysis should include the entirety of the Flathead River corridor, one-quarter mile to either side of the river.

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