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Comments: Please preserve and protect American habitat, heritage, and history for future generations. I hope you will prevent the monetization and negative impact of wilderness areas and maintain the integrity of the ecosystem. Thank You!

I spent much of the 1970s, 1980s, 1990s, and early 2000s hiking, backpacking, and climbing in the West. Especially the Rocky Mountains in New Mexico, Colorado, Wyoming, Montana. I worked in my spare time to save habitat and ecosystems in their original state as much as possible.

Sadly I was not aware of the Bob Marshall Wilderness at that time. I'm now 70 years old and in fair to poor health. I will never see this magnificent and wonderful area. But I truly hope the Forest Service will protect this area as much as absolutely possible and reduce negative impact. Please do your best to accomplish this.

The Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex stands as one of the flagship Wilderness areas in the National Wilderness Preservation System-the 3% of land in the Lower 48 where native wildlife can still find refuge from the pressures of ever-expanding human civilization.

* 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.

* The Forest Service needs more scientific data informing user capacity numbers.

* Immediate action is critical to address wildlife displacement in Wilderness caused by current recreation numbers.

* 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.

* 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.

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

Sincerely,

David Dyer