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Comments: I greatly appreciate the Forest Service taking steps toward limiting impacts and gathering data regarding recreation overuse; however, if the FS is truly interested in preserving the health of the Flathead River system, please take this opportunity to research the impacts recreation is already having on Wilderness and wildlife, and act quickly to address these problems.

Data collection and analysis need to include the entirety of the Flathead River corridor, one-quarter mile to either side of the river. Please provide the protective measures needed towards the impacts along the South Fork of the Flathead as well as the Middle Fork of the Flathead caused by flights in and out of Schafer airstrip in the Great Bear Wilderness and insure these are in compliance with the area's Wilderness Management Plan.

The Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex stands as one of the flagship Wilderness areas in the National Wilderness Preservation System and deserves immediate action in order to preserve the wild.

There is great need to address the problems of the current and encroaching impacts recreation is already having. Whether boats, planes, pack stock, or hikers, excessive recreation use will inevitably harm habitat and displace animals that rely on Wilderness in a world growing increasingly claustrophobic.

Thank you.