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Comments: Thank you for seeking public comments on this important proposal.

I'm old now, but in my prime I traveled widely in the South Fork of the Flathead River. It was a hard place to get to on foot, but worth every blister. I remember the ptarmigan we scared up way high above the White River. I remember the big cutthroat that I caught and let go because he was so beautiful. I remember the kindness of the manager of the supplies depot at Big Prairie who gave us a boxed cheese cake mix. And I remember the forest fire -- the first prescribed burn I'd seen -- on Charlotte's Peak.

You hve your work cut out for you becaase habitat protection on the Flathead River is cricial, and the Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex deserves immediate action in order to preserve its wilderness character.

It's true that the Forest Service needs more scientific data informing user capacity numbers. Data collection and analysis needs to include the entirety of the Flathead River corridor, one-quarter mile to either side of the river.

But immediate action is needed to address wildlife displacement in Wilderness caused by current human hordes visiting the Wilderness. Here's what you can do right now:

Reduce impacts to the Middle Fork of the Flathead caused by flights in and out of Schafer airstrip in the Great Bear Wilderness.

Commercial outfitting and guiding should be limited to only the level that is "necessary and "proper" as required by the Wilderness Act. Public use is your priority, not pleasing industry.

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

Now turn off your computer, put on your boots, and get to work