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Comments: Thank you for recognizing that there is too much recreational use on the Flat Head Wild and Scenic River in the Bob Marshall Wilderness. I commend your effort to develop new regulations to address this problem. While Wilderness areas are open to all, too much commercial recreational use can negatively impact the protection of the Wilderness area and detract from the wilderness experience.

With this in mind, I respectfully submit these comments:

- \* More scientific data is needed to inform user capacity numbers.
- \* The vast majority of use on the wild rivers should be allocated to public use.
- \* 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.

Thank you for allowing me to submit these comments.