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Comments: Please accept these comments on your Comprehensive River Management Plan (CRMP) Proposed Action (PA) into the public record.

I strongly agree with your recommendation to prohibit motor vehicle camping/parking on gravel bars. Likewise, the recommendation to require solid human waste containment within 200 feet of the river's edge is extremely important. The mandatory and free float permit for all parties, for the purposes of data gathering, is an excellent recommendation. And I really appreciate the noise level limit of 60 decibels at 50 feet, which allows for a reasonably peaceful experience for all.

In terms of wildlife protection, the plan needs to do more. There should be more in this management plan about monitoring for the habitat quality of all animals on or in consideration for the endangered species act.

oFor example in the case of Grizzly Bear, in instances of habituation the area should be closed for camping. If there are impacts, including noise, that are impacting vital habitat then the area should be closed, as per Limits of Acceptable Change.

oBull Trout, in particular, need active monitoring and actionable plans of protection.

The plan needs to do more to address current resource degradation. For example, livery outfitting (also known as "drops") should be limited.

oTo quote the CRMP: "The number of outfitter-guide and livery/shuttle service permits ensures access within the river corridor [...] without compromising desired conditions for this section." And; "Numbers and types of outfitters and service permits are managed to maintain the wilderness character including solitude."

*Due to the current degradation, permitted outfitting trips need to be reduced on the South Fork and the Middle Fork drainages.

Thank you for your attention to these concerns.

Sincerely,

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