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Comments: As an educator and a conservationist of wilderness on behalf of our national treasure and our future wellbeing I urge your immediate stewarding of habitat protection on the Flathead River.

The invaluable Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex deserves immediate action in order to preserve the wild. Research shows that 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 and 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.

I urge your immediate action to bring the impacts along the South Fork of the Flathead into compliance with the area's Wilderness Management Plan.