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Comments: Immediate action is needed to bring the impacts along the South Fork of the Flathead into compliance with the area's Wilderness Management Plan. Also, Data collection and analysis needs to include the entirety of the Flathead River corridor, one-quarter mile to either side of the river.

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. Flights in and out of Schafer airstrip in the Great Bear Wilderness do impact the Middle Fork of the Flathead, and should be regulated with that in mind. As a private pilot myself, I can appreciate the freedom to land wherever I like, but as an American who wishes to protect our wild areas, I can refrain from flying where it impacts natural life in these areas.

Thank you for opening this decision-making process to public input.