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Comments: Dear Chris Prew, Recreation Program Manager,

I'm writing as a Montanan wishing to support a strong and comprehensive River Management Plan for the Wild and Scenic Flathead River. Several years ago, I enjoyed many miles of quiet floating on the North Fork with family and friends. I am concerned that portions of the Flathead are becoming overwhelmed by human and pet use, and urge you to monitor numbers of people with a mandatory permitting system to gather data so that over use may be avoided. I would also like to see safeguards put in place to protect the stunning wild nature and wildlife of the river. This would include monitoring wildlife trends on the river and keeping dogs off the river, especially (but not limited to) the Goat Lick area. Most of all, I am in favor of equitable use of this public river and avoiding over commercialization by limiting commercial permits. I am hopeful that my family and friends and other demographic groups will be able to relish its extreme beauty for years to come. Thank you!