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Comments: Good evening,

I am writing to urge you to prioritize wilderness and wildlife in the Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex and along the Flathead Wild and Scenic River. While it is important for people to be able to access and enjoy these special places, current use is too intensive and is having negative ecological impacts. Planes flying in and out of Schafer airstrip, for example, create massive amounts of sound pollution that can distress wildlife, which affects their reproductive success, ability to get enough food, and recover from exertion. Allowing camping too close to the river leads to degradation of riparian habitat, and excessive human activity is disruptive to wildlife. Please focus on adapting usage parameters to putting wildlife and wilderness first. Thank you for your consideration.