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Comments: This proposal takes some good steps towards "protecting and enhancing" the Flathead River, but it is far from adequate. Of great concern are the "capacity numbers" projected by the Forest Service. If I understand correctly, capacity numbers would allow over 1,100 commercial user days from Cascadilla to West Glacier and over 1,200 commercial user days from West Glacier to the confluence with the South Fork. Add to these numbers the private boaters, and the volume is overwhelming - undermining any sense that this is a "wild and scenic river." While these numbers are not a limit or a mandate, they still indicate what is acceptable - and these numbers are not acceptable. This plan perpetuates and exacerbates the already high volume of people on this river. It does not

"protect and enhance" the river. The Flathead is one of the most beautiful rivers in our country. Please take better action to preserve it.

It is good that the plan prohibits camping and leaving shuttle vehicles on gravel bars that are below high-water level, but the lack of plans for parking is problematic. Where will all those vehicles go? Along the side of the road, with foot and vehicle traffic converging on each other? Personal injury in these circumstances is a foreseeable risk and, thus exposes the Forest Service to liability for negligence.

The solid waste proposal will not offer adequate protection. All waste should be carried out, not buried, especially with these capacity numbers.

Finally, how will the river use, waste disposal requirements, and parking and camping restrictions be monitored? Thank you for the opportunity to comment.