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Comments: Good morning Thank you for this comprehensive proposal for the Flathead River. I know this has taken many years and lots of hard work I think its a good start. I am a 30+ year Kalispell resident and have spent all those years fishing, rafting and enjoying all three forks of the river.

I like the concept of splitting each fork into different management zones each with different concerns and solutions. I would support catch and release for all fish on all sections of the Flathead River.

My main concern is overcrowding and abuse of the access sites when it comes to rafting I know the days are gone when I could raft the Middle Fork have parking and no wait raft launching. The biggest increase is in commercial outfitters and raft companies. I have had many conflicts and unpleasant scenes at access points putting ion or taking out. The outfitters (not all) seem to think they have right of way any and all times, parking buses and trailers- many times empty- and waiting for hour or more. They refuse to move and are rude and abusive. I also see the companies putting all their rafts out tied up and waiting early in the morning (moccasin Creek) leaving no room for any private boater. I have given up trying to get on at Moccasin Creek,

The N fork is quickly becoming just as crowded. Good luck getting into Glacier Rim .

I cant wrap my head around 86, 000 service days but the wild and scenic is coming to an end.

Please put tighter limits and regs and the commercial floaters so the rest of us can enjoy time on the river in the summer months

Thank you

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