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Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to comment. An updated plan is important. The final plan needs to be realized in the next year. An updated river management plan is long past due.

- 1. Environmental Quality: The draft plan describes human waste containment within 200' of river's edge. Please require human waste containment period. Sending people 200 feet away from the river to do their business will suggest that is always allowed. There is private property along the rivers, particularly the upper stretch of the North Fork and telling people it is OK to walk 200' invites them onto private property. AND, it is time to follow other heavily used and permitted river system's policies of packing out human waste. It has become the norm and it is not difficult or expensive. A SCAT machine would be helpful to promote the use of groovers. FWP recently built a facility at Eden Bridge on the Smith. A centralized location would admittedly be challenging for the three forks. If a private business or businesses invited groover cleanout or complete groover rental for a fee, that information could be provided to floaters and might be the best answer for this situation.
- 2. Outfitter Usage: MU2 proposes increasing commercial user/service days to 86,000. Reportedly the current average is 72,000 for combined MU2 and MU3 with MU2 taking the brunt of it. This section is already overrun, making private boaters experience less than optimal. Do not increase it. Cap the combined at 72,000. MU3 proposes 50,000 commercial user/service days. The current average for both stretches is 72,000 with MU3 having fewer commercial user days, from experience. Cap the combined at 72,000. If MU2 and MU3 must have separate defined commercial user days, consider 60,000 for MU2 and 12,000 for MU3. Do not set MU2 to 86k and MU3 to 50k. This is simply too many boats and people for anyone to enjoy their experience and will continue to hammer the loading areas and shorelines.
- 3. What happened to increasing accessibility at the put-in/take-outs for physically challenged recreationists? No mention, but preliminary design and planning work has been recently done through a FS grant to improve a number of access areas along the north and middle forks. Providing accessibility for all abilities at river accesses and restrooms at popular river accesses should be part of the CRMP.

Thank you.