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Comments: Dear Supervisor Botello;

Please accept these comments on your Comprehensive River Management Plan (CRMP) Proposed Action (PA) into the public record.

This plan is not thorough enough on reassuring how all users will be give equal opportunities to the legal precedent of a Wild and Scenic River experience, or Wilderness experience within the Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex. As enforcement abilities decrease, quality of all user groups goes down along with wildlife and water health, therefore compromising the integrity of recreational use and violating multiple ORVs.

Management IS necessary before we reach the limit of thousands down this river daily in all sections. I will not accept any sections of river being less than the minimum of the legally set Wild And Scenic standards. This should include mandatory waste management, limitations on commercial and private outfitting, and tangible action plans to properly manage our public lands before the current irreversible damage gets worse. Public lands are to be protected, not commercialized. The numbers in this CRMP do not reflect that. The data used to create these proposed numbers is 10 years behind, unsupported, and unsustainable.

I encourage more immediate plans to curtail traffic on both trails and rivers, lower the number "limits" in all sections of the river, and to more strictly follow the legal precedent of Wild and Scenic River expectations. As far as Wilderness areas go, wilderness does not mean the public can do whatever they want.

The Wilderness Act of 1964 states the following in Section 2 (a & b):

(a) In order to assure that an increasing population, accompanied by expanding settlement and growing mechanization, does not occupy and modify all areas within the United States and its possessions, leaving no lands designated for preservation and protection in their natural condition, it is hereby declared to be the policy of the Congress to secure for the American people of present and future generations the benefits of an enduring resource of wilderness. For this purpose there is hereby established a National Wilderness Preservation System to be composed of federally owned areas designated by Congress as "wilderness areas", and these shall be administered for the use and enjoyment of the American people in such manner as will leave them unimpaired for future use and enjoyment as wilderness, and so as to provide for the protection of these areas, the preservation of their wilderness character, and for the gathering and dissemination of information regarding their use and enjoyment as wilderness; and no Federal lands shall be designated as "wilderness areas" except as provided for in this Act or by a subsequent Act.

(b) The inclusion of an area in the National Wilderness Preservation System notwithstanding, the area shall continue to be managed by the Department and agency having jurisdiction thereover immediately before its inclusion in the National Wilderness Preservation System unless otherwise provided by Act of Congress. No appropriation shall be available for the payment of expenses or salaries for the administration of the National Wilderness Preservation System as a separate unit nor shall any appropriations be available for additional personnel stated as being required solely for the purpose of managing or administering areas solely because they are included within the National Wilderness Preservation System.

Thank you for considering all of our suggestions.

Sincerely,

Ally Pike