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Comments: Habitat protection on the Flathead River is not something that can wait, and the Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex deserves immediate action in order to preserve the wild. While the Forest Service needs more scientific data informing user capacity numbers. No gathering in this area should be allowed. Wild animals are more important than people going there to be entertained or whatever they have in mind. We need to keep Flathead River and sounding area for wild animals only and NOT FOR PEOPLE TO GO THERE. Only forest rangers should be allowed in this area and only when needed. While it may be a public area, the public do not need nor should they be allowed in this area just to create problem for the innocent wildlife. These animals need a place where they can safely live, raise their young, and be able to do what wildlife do and not have to put up with the noise of people and the trash the people leave behind. They do not need people in their area and the Forest Service should say not to any and all groups who want to use this clean and safe area for wildlife in this area

Immediate action is critical to address wildlife displacement in Wilderness caused by current recreation numbers. Look at what has happened to other public area, like major parks, where people have been allowed to enter and the noise and trash that has happened there. We don't need wildlife in this area to end up like wolves in Yellowstone Park who are chased from there by getting them out of the park so cruel people can kill them. We need this place to stay the way it is now-safe for wild animals and only wild animals. Do not let any group of people and public in this area ever. Wild animals have already mistreated in so many parts of this country that they need this area to keep them safe in.

Immediate action is needed to reduce impacts to the Middle Fork of the Flathead caused by flights in and out of Schafer airstrip in the Great Bear Wilderness. The vast majority of use on the wild rivers should not be allocated to public use, and commercial outfitting and guiding should be limited to only the level that is "necessary and "proper" as required by the Wilderness Act.

Data collection and analysis needs to include the entirety of the Flathead River corridor, one-quarter mile to either side of the river. All data should be looked at by qualified environmental and animal caring people before any person or public group is even considered in this area. Personally, I believe and think that this land and water and all of the wild rivers should stay wild and left as they are for the animals and not allow people to damage them. Immediate action is needed to bring the impacts along the South Fork of the Flathead into compliance with the area's Wilderness Management Plan.