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Comments: Dear US Forest Service,

These are my comments regarding the Comprehensive River Management Plan for the Wild & Scenic Flathead River System (North Fork, Middle Fork, and South Fork) in nw Montana:

I support the proposed establishment of a mandatory permit system for all floaters.

I support the proposed extended no-stopping order and prohibition on dogs around the Goat Lick.

I would like to see additional monitoring provisions for wildlife trends and recreational impacts to wildlife along these rivers.

The Forest Service should identify and evaluate potential strategies to limit recreational use while developing a plan that values wildlife and ecosystems.

I would support an equal amount of days/slots/permits to non-commercial outfitters who provide affordable, education-focused trips or who serve underrepresented demographics, like Indigenous communities, veterans, youth, and the elderly. I would not support an increase in permits, but a careful divvying up per day to protect the quality of the experience for all users and the health of the ecosystems at the put in and take out spots, as well as along the river corridors.

Thanks for valuing my voice, as a Montanan who has appreciated and recreated along these exact river corridors since I was 5 years old, and for the past 42 years. I'd like them preserved and protected for all of us, for future generations, and for our wildlife.

Kind regards,

Sabine Brigitte