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Comments: To whom it may concern,

As a long time resident of the flathead valley I am vehemently opposed to this Flathead Comprehensive River Management Plan #56536. My family has been floating the flathead every year going on 30 years now and this proposed permitting plan is a threat to that long standing family tradition and our very freedom to enjoy the land we grew up on. The forest service has already destroyed 90% of the access to our public lands w the roadless rule and now you expect the local population to stand in line behind the greedy tourist industry and come to you with hat in hand to ask you for permission. My wife and I are pushing 60 and we're both on disability and this is our quality of life. Local residents should not have to stand in line so the (over advertised) tourist industry and the forest service can over populate our rivers and our lands for profit. Again, no river permits. If you want to prevent the over population of public lands and rivers in the flathead, might I suggest a permitting process for the unsustainable influx of tourism over advertised by the industry.

Thank you for your consideration,

Don Norman

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