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Comments: Hello,

As an annual non-commercial local user of multi-day trips on the north fork, middle fork and south fork; I will summarize my comments below:

-First off, I am not in favor of a permitting process for the entirety of the flathead river system and feel that this is an overstep of the USFS. Regulation only begets more regulation.

-I understand the forest service is federally mandated to specify a user capacity. User capacity is at its greatest in July and August which is only 2 months out of the year leading to a much lower effect on overall ORV's. This is leading towards trigger limits and restricted use on an unsubstantiated basis and poor data.

-Secondly, user capacity was clouded as "very complex." A critical component of user capacity should be determined by people who are actually on the water.

-I think proposed user capacities should be increased to the following (people/day): NF MU1-500, NF MU2-900, NF Rec-700, MF Wild-500, MF MU1-500, MF MU2-1700, MF MU3-1,800, SF MU1-500, SF MU2-500, SF Rec-500.

-I am not in favor of having to carry out human waste as we have done combined lengthy float/hike trips which would make that very difficult.

-Personally, I have never felt like there was too much use on any section of river. It's been great to have the freedom and flexibility for day floats without the burden of regulations/permits/fees, etc.

Finally, there should be ongoing opportunities for public comments regarding user capacities, permits, etc.

Thanks