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Comments: Dear Mr. Botello:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the CRMP. We have lived, worked and recreated along and near this river system with truly Outstanding Remarkable Values for over 50 years. Through this time, we have seen the pressures of rapidly increasing recreational pressure. We applaud the agencies for attempting to address future use through this plan. However, we don't see the proposed action as doing enough to hold inevitable future impacts of these rapidly increasing numbers of people to an acceptable level.

We commend you for restricting all camping on gravel bars. The inevitable contamination from human waste, fuel and garbage is unacceptable, and the negative effect on user experience to everyone else that uses the river is extreme.

Our family has been containing our human waste along rivers all over the west for decades. It should be mandatory on all river sections.

There should be NO drones along any sections of the river corridor that is shared with Glacier NP, or in designated wilderness, naturally.

We think the proposed mandatory permit system may be a good start, but it is only a start. We have not had the fortune to float the South Fork through the Bob Marshall, but from what we understand from friends and family, the level of use is VASTLY more than what is acceptable in this remote area. We strongly urge you to institute limits on this section. North Fork MU1 should be included in the first phase.

It is hard to comment on other use limits without knowing what the actual current use is, but since we do have extensive experience on all the other river segments, this is where we see the proposal falls short of maintaining this remarkable resource for future generations:

*For all sections, commercial use should not be increased at all.

*NF MU 1. This remote area should be managed as such. Ninety- 100 people a day should be the maximum.

*NF MU2. 450 proposed capacity is far too much, and far more than this section currently gets. It should be limited to a capacity of 150

*We are baffled by the huge increase in proposed total guide and outfitter service days on the Middle Fork MU2 and MU3. It is far too much already and should not increase at all.

*There must be a robust monitoring system that establishes designated indicators triggers, and thresholds to direct river management going forward and enable the USFS to carry out its vital mission of stewardship of this tremendously precious resource.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment,

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