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Comments: I strongly support the intention of the 1964 Wilderness Act to keep Wilderness areas untrammled by humans. I am concerned about protecting habitat and animals that rely on Wilderness. The Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex deserves immediate action in order to preserve the wild. Excessive use of boats, planes, pack stock, or hikers will inevitably harm habitat and displace animals. Immediate action is critical to address wildlife displacement in Wilderness caused by current recreation numbers, to reduce impacts to the Middle Fork of the Flathead caused by flights in and out of Schafer airstrip in the Great Bear Wilderness, and to bring the impacts along the South Fork of the Flathead into compliance with the area's Wilderness Management Plan. The vast majority of use on the wild rivers should 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.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.