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My concerns are related to the permit holders of commercial use in the Flathead River system. With the growth of these businesses how will the permits be modified in the event of thresholds being passed. We lack consistent enforcement of regulations at our current use volumes. Increased pressure on fisheries will further degrade these resources. With declining native fish populations how do we allow the permit holders to increase their capacity. All parties involved with the use of the resources found in the Flathead River system need to be held to an equal value. To give the permit holders the ability to increase their numbers without equal measure to non-commercial use is unfair.

All parties need to be held to a common level of stewardship.