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Comments: I have been a resident in the Flathead Valley for over 50 years and have enjoyed years of countless family memories made on or along the Flathead River. Permitting limits accessibility for the local residents. It removes the opportunity to float when schedules and weather conditions prove ideal. Permits benefit tourists whose schedules are set weeks and months in advance. I understand the need for permitting rivers with narrow corridors, such as the Smith River, or rivers primarily bordered by private land but that is not the case with the Flathead. What a gift we have that we can work a full day then head to the river for a few hour float. This opportunity is truly a treasure for our children and our local community!