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Comments: Flathead River Management Team, I am a local who uses the Flathead River system for recreational camping and rafting every summer. While I do like some of the updated regulations on fire restrictions, group size, allotted outfitter/guided days, and human waste management.

I'm adamantly opposed to ANY permitting for dispersed camping and floating anywhere on the Flathead River System, especially for locals/residents. I've obtained free permits to float before, and it caused stress on the trip because the weather wasn't cooperating with the allotted timeframe, not to mention the hassle of obtaining the permit in the first place. Your proposed plan is to have them for free, but I doubt that will last, given the history of other permit systems. Then there is the logistics of obtaining and enforcing, given that the forest service is already stretched thin on resources.

Please don't limit my precious recreation time or access because of a required permit system. Having free and unrestricted access to these waterways is what I enjoy most about the summers in the Flathead Valley.