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Comments: CRMP Objection

I object to the proposed Flathead Comprehensive River Management Plan as currently written. As a commercial river guide and frequent user of the Flathead River system, I am concerned that certain management provisions may unnecessarily restrict recreational and commercial river access while providing limited additional protection to the river's outstanding values.

The Flathead River has long supported a balance between conservation and responsible recreation. I encourage the Forest Service to ensure that any final plan protects the river's free-flowing character, fish and wildlife habitat, and scenic values while maintaining reasonable access for outfitters, guides, local businesses, and the recreating public.

I request that the Forest Service further evaluate the potential impacts of the proposed management actions on river access, boating opportunities, and the local communities that depend on recreation-based economies.