

## Madison River Non-Commercial Recreation Plan Timeline

### 2023

1. Begin education process to inform public of future watercraft pass requirements.

### 2024

1. Watercraft pass required for all floaters on river
2. Education at access points, social media, print media, TV
3. End of year – daily capacities developed for each month from April through October. Daily capacity for each month set so that no more than 5 days in a given month would be over capacity. Calendar published for 2025 indicating which correlating days are likely to be high use days.

### 2025

1. Education continues to encourage users to avoid “high use days”. Capacities reviewed and adjusted after another year of data as needed.

### 2026

1. Education continues. Capacities reviewed and adjusted as needed. River users informed that any days that continue to remain over capacity will have limited passes offered in 2027

### 2027

1. Watercraft passes remain unlimited on most days, but will require an advance reservation on any remaining “High Use”, no more than 5 days per month shall initially require a reservation.
2. Passes will be issued on a batch release schedule for High Use days. All days within a week released in advance based on following schedule for “High Use days”. Batch releases begin 9 months in advance. 30% of passes held and released weekly within last three weeks before use to ensure MT residents have adequate short notice access to obtain passes.
3. Enforcement begins with warnings for non-compliance

### 2028

1. Enforcement begins issuing citations for non-compliance

### Regular Adaptive Management Future Years

1. Annual review first five years, followed by a review every three years beginning in 2029.
  - a. Review and adjust daily capacities as needed based on all existing data.
  - b. Compare passive watercraft use data collection with passes issued – make adaptive management adjustments as needed to adjust for differences between number of passes released and actual use.
  - c. Make adjustments to other plan mechanics as needed to streamline user experience.