

From: [Peter Pauwels](#)
To: [FWP Madison River COM](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Rest rotation
Date: Tuesday, December 14, 2021 1:35:31 PM

Dear concerned river users,

I would like to express my desire to have a rest and rotation possibility on the Madison River. The upper river from Lyons Bridge downstream is so heavily used that I only float there once a season. It is so crowded that the float experience is too compromised for me to enjoy it. I find that it is discouraging to have 6 or 7 boats within view upstream and another 6 or 7 boats within view downstream throughout the float. From June to September I steer clear of the upper Madison. I like to float the Big Hole when there is some peace of mind on the water during the rest days. It would be nice to have that option on the Madison.

Thank you,
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Subject: [EXTERNAL]
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The BIG HOLE rotation has worked well. The MADISON should have the same regulations. Save some for our grandchildren. John M. Gallus MD.

From: [Tommy Griffith](#)
To: [FWP Madison River COM](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Too much commercial activity on the upper Madison
Date: Tuesday, December 7, 2021 9:45:22 PM

Can we make the rotation rule more strict such that guides can operate on even fewer days of the week?

From: [David Belmont](#)
To: [FWP Madison River COM](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Rest/rotation
Date: Tuesday, December 7, 2021 9:18:08 PM

Hello,

I would like to voice my support for the existing rest and rotation rules on the Madison river. I visit MT to fish, and would like to be able to enjoy the unrivaled resource of the Madison for years to come. Thank you.

Respectfully,
Dave Belmont

From: [charlotte.cleveland](#)
To: [FWP Madison River COM](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] the Madison River plan
Date: Monday, December 6, 2021 11:25:12 AM

The idea not to do rest and rotation on the Madison is wrong headed. This was one of the most workable solutions to over crowding and over fishing and now the Commissioners are considering revoking that rule? The current Madison River committee's solution to the overcrowding ON THE RIVER is an ambassador program. What a joke. The ambassador program, while a good idea to help guides and outfitters get their boats in the water more quickly, is not the answer to the dissatisfaction voiced by the Montana resident about over crowding on the river when they want to fish.

The makeup of this current Madison River Committee is obviously dominated by guides, outfitters, MOGA and FOAM, and they have no interest in the Montana angler at all.

Montana resident anglers voiced again and again in FWP surveys their dissatisfaction with being crowded off the Madison, having to fish other rivers after being displaced from the Madison, or fish in the shoulder seasons, or fish in the late afternoon, to try to avoid the hoards of guides and outfitters in June, July and August.

My husband and I are not anti-guide or anti-outfitter. We use guides frequently and have witnessed the outrageous crowding on the Madison. We have to get up at 4:30 AM to enjoy a river where later in the day, one could practically walk from boat to boat. This latest attempt by the guides and outfitters and lobbyists to make the Madison totally unregulated will be the death knell of the river.

How many more "Madison River committees" must we have for the Commissioners to realize that they need to listen to the FWP biologists and experts. If you are too scared to ruffle the feathers of the guides, outfitters and FOAM and MOGA and make good rules concerning the Madison River without having a committee to blame, then resign and let some scientists and experts sit on the Commission or the next succeeding "committee". There will be another one, no doubt, when global warming, over fishing and lack of any real stewardship combine to kill the river I love.

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