

Comments on the
 Feb. 13 FWP Commission hearing on
 Motors on boats on the Bull River
 Comments are due today.

Also- I would like to speak on Zoom to
 the Commission on Feb. 13.

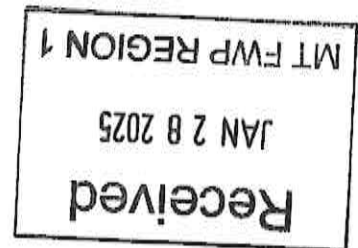
Thank You,

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Follows: Comment of Bull River Petition
to limit to no motors.

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RE: Paul Overman's petition regarding motors on the Bull River.

Dear Mr. Hindolen:

I believe I have sent you letters. for the Commissioners and talked with you regarding Paul Overman's petition to ban powered watercraft from the Bull River. I have also talked with Paul Overman on this issue.

I just want to say I have lived on the Bull River, above where the East Fork comes in. for 38 years now (commuting to Libby, where I worked for 38 years). I also do not want powerful motorboats on the river as it is too small. About 25 - 30 years ago, we complained when we (my neighbor Bruce Ross) saw some jet boats put in at the 8 mile bridge over the river.

I also have a nice 9' boat with a 1.5 hp motor, which I have used for many years. With less than 2 HP, it cannot go fast enough to create wake zone waves much at all. I see the people going by on the river and many have electric motors, for fishing. I can see no damage that electric motors cause, and they are useful for people fishing. I can't even hear the electric motors from my house.

However, Paul Overman has informed me of a problem of he has seen of these fast, small, powerboats, probably coming up from the Clark Fork River. I have not seen them yet, but they are too powerful for this small river. I am sure he will inform you of these, which we do not need.

But to say no powered boats, which would include electric motors, is going too far.

I believe that Paul Overmann understands this. Motor limitations I can understand, such as under 5 HP, or whatever if is possible. I know we worked on boats with only under 10Hp before, in the 90's I believe.

I would also request my previous letters to become part of the comments. Also, yes I would like to be signed up to testify at the hearing, at 8:30 on zoom at your offices in Kalispell. - on Feb, 13

Sincerely,

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