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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on Petition - Motorized Watercraft on the Bull River

I would like to see this move forward and stop the motorized boats on the Bull River.

#2

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Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on Petition - Motorized Watercraft on the Bull River

I support initiating rule making to make the Bull River a non-motorized to power boats public resource. This for the most part shallow and narrow (16' to 30') is the prime bull trout restoration source in the Upper Clark Fork Watershed. The Avista power company has spent hundreds of thousands of \$ in this watershed to restore it as part of their FERC dam relicensing agreement. My family has used the resource for over 50 years for fishing, canoeing, kayaking & paddle boarding. There is no margin or capacity for power motorized use on this small river. Thank you. Cesar Hernandez

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on Petition - Motorized Watercraft on the Bull River

Please initiate the MAPA process for rulemaking on the Paul Overman petition. The Bull River is a resource of quiet recreation for many and deserves protection from the safety risks associated with any motorized recreation. The banks of the Bull River are pristine habitat and deserve protection from any wake action caused by motorized recreation. Thank you for your consideration.

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on Petition - Motorized Watercraft on the Bull River

I SUPPORT beginning the MAPA process for Bull River. Our family has enjoyed countless hours canoeing on this river and we do not wish motorized vehicles to destroy the banks, shoreline or solitude of this beautiful area. Thank you.

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on Petition - Motorized Watercraft on the Bull River

We strongly urge the Commission to initiate the process for rulemaking of the Paul Overman petition to protect the Bull River from motorized watercraft. We fully support this action.

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on Petition - Motorized Watercraft on the Bull River

Support the initiation of rulemaking

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on Petition - Motorized Watercraft on the Bull River

I support the initiation of rulemaking.

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Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on Petition - Motorized Watercraft on the Bull River

As a property owner on the Bull River with 1500 ft. of river frontage. I request that the process begin to eliminate motorized boat operation.

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on Petition - Motorized Watercraft on the Bull River

I recreate frequently along the Bull River. I've kayaked and hiked along it. I strongly encourage you to initiate the MAPA process to move towards disallowing motorized craft. Thank you

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Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on Petition - Motorized Watercraft on the Bull River

Please initiate the MAPA process for rulemaking on the Paul Overman petition. We paddle down the Bull River quite often and really enjoy the serenity / lack of sounds of civilization. We would absolutely hate for this beautiful area to be destroyed by motorized watercraft. The Clark Fork river is right there for that purpose and it's really nice to have a few spots left where we can enjoy leisure paddle adventures without having to be afraid to get run over by a motorized boat that is going too fast for a river as small as this one. Thank you!

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Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on Petition - Motorized Watercraft on the Bull River

Please support the petition to begin a MAPA process to restrict motorized use of the Bull River. I am a kayaker and licensed angler and I am concerned about the negative impacts that motorboats and jetboats will have on this important resource.

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Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on Petition - Motorized Watercraft on the Bull River

Bull River all ready has watershed protection ongoing, and going...

When the native vegetation was removed, decades ago, then replaced with a tall grass, this made the river vulnerable to sloughing off and eroding into the river causing a domino effect that is still going on today. The Bull River Watershed Protection Project continues to provide additions of native plants back to this waterway, since 2001.

When Avista put a boat ramp take out, parking area, park type area at the 2 mm, on Bull River Highway, they asked for public comments. This problem that is happening now is exactly why I wrote a comment opposing the take-out ramp/park area.

Thank you Paul Overman for being the person to take this dilemma and bring it to light, motorcrafts (of high power) do not belong on Bull River, in Sanders or Lincoln Counties.

On another note, trolling motors do not seem to me a hazard to the sluffing and erosion problem, But high speed motor-crafts are a hazard to Kayakers, floaters, canoers, fisher persons and the land that borders the Bull River.

I vote YES to initiate the MAPA process on this one.

Sincerely,

Candice Stewart, Noxon

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on Petition - Motorized Watercraft on the Bull River

Please initiate the MAPA process for rule making on the Paul Overman petition.

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on Petition - Motorized Watercraft on the Bull River

Approve Restrictions

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on Petition - Motorized Watercraft on the Bull River

Approve Restrictions

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Contact information:

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State/Province: MT
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Q2

Please comment on Petition - Motorized Watercraft on the Bull River

Ask the MFWC commission to initiate the MAPA process for rulemaking on the Motorized Watercraft in the Bull River. This is a beloved river to me, and is enjoyed by many (including myself) for recreational fishing, hiking, and boating, and I feel that motorized watercraft is dangerous for public safety on a river like this. Thank you.

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on Petition - Motorized Watercraft on the Bull River

I am asking the commission to initiate the MAPA process for rulemaking on the Paul Overman petition. I have floated the Bull River for 45 years. This is a peaceful setting for floating. Motorized watercraft would endanger floaters and disturb river banks and wildlife.

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Contact information:

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State/Province: **MT**
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Q2

Please comment on Petition - Motorized Watercraft on the Bull River

I have canoed and kayaked on the Bull River for over 30 years and have been involved in riparian restoration planting along its banks. I think jet boats, or any motorized boats, are completely inappropriate for this small stream.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on Petition - Motorized Watercraft on the Bull River

I ask the Montana Fish Wildlife Commission to approve the petition for rulemaking and initiate the MAPA rulemaking process for the proposed adoption of a motorized watercraft restriction on the Bull River. Please initiate the MAPA process. The Bull River has traditionally been a non-motorized recreational river utilized by kayaks, canoes, drift-boats, and inner-tubes. Also, the streambanks of the Bull River are sensitive and prone to erosion. Thank you for approving the petition.

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Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on Petition - Motorized Watercraft on the Bull River

Please initiate the MAPA process for rule making on the Paul Overman petition to eliminate motorized boats/ watercraft on the Bull River.

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Q1

Contact information:

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State/Province: MT
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Q2

Please comment on Petition - Motorized Watercraft on the Bull River

I support the initiation of the MAPA rule making process as it relates to the Bull River.

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Q1

Contact information:

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State/Province: MT
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Q2

Please comment on Petition - Motorized Watercraft on the Bull River

Yes, I support the rule making process to have only non-motorized boats on the Bull River. (also include other small rivers like the Yaak, Vermillion, Thompson) just a suggestion. Thank-you, Colleen Hinds (plz send m e the Zoom link)

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Q1

Contact information:

Name: Troy Hidy
City/Town: Trout Creek
State/Province: MT
Email Address: land_stewards@yahoo.com

Q2

Please comment on Petition - Motorized Watercraft on the Bull River

I support the petition to prohibit motorized watercraft on the Bull River in Sanders County, Montana.
Thanks for the opportunity to comment!
Troy

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Q1

Contact information:

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City/Town: Trout Creek
State/Province: MT
Email Address: carolynhidy@outlook.com

Q2

Please comment on Petition - Motorized Watercraft on the Bull River

I support the initiation of the MAPA rulemakeing process to prohibit motorized watercraft on the Bull River.

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on Petition - Motorized Watercraft on the Bull River

Please consider proposals to limit motorized use on the bull river. It is a beautiful little trout and other species stream and should not be destroyed by motorized use.

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Q1

Contact information:

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City/Town:	Noxon
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Q2

Please comment on Petition - Motorized Watercraft on the Bull River

Dear Montana Fish and Wildlife Commission,

Please accept this letter of support from Avista regarding the petition to prohibit motorized watercraft on the Bull River. Prohibiting motorized use would directly support and contribute to the success of Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (MFWP) recreational and natural resource management efforts. Avista supports many MFWP programs through the implementation of Clark Fork Settlement Agreement (CFSA) projects and programs.

Through the CFSA, Avista works with MFWP and other partners to provide and enhance recreational opportunities for the public while balancing protections for our natural resources. Through these programs, we strive to support MFWP's mandate to both protect and provide for the public's enjoyment of natural resources. Our cooperative efforts in the Bull River drainage illustrate this point and have ranged from habitat improvement and native salmonid enhancement efforts to purchasing and establishing new recreational access sites in the drainage.

Most of our habitat enhancement projects have been focused on large private parcels, re-establishing native woody vegetation (e.g., Black Cottonwood and/or Cedar) in areas presently dominated by reed canary grass. These efforts will increase streambank strength and ultimately benefit both native salmonids and recreational angling. Under the CFSA, Avista purchased and operates a public access site on the lower the Bull River which has enhanced the public's ability to utilize this river. This popular site is intended to be a floater take-out and motorized boat use is prohibited in the cooperatively developed site use plan.

The continued, and potential for increased, use of motorized watercraft endangers the fragile streambanks and areas of riparian enhancement through increased erosion. Furthermore, due to the often narrow and meandering nature of the Bull River, such motorized use threatens the safety of well-established non-motorized user groups that enjoy the scenic and peaceful floating opportunities currently available. Therefore, we support the petition brought forward by landowners and recreationists to ban motorized watercraft in the Bull River.

Thank you for your consideration on this matter.
