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The Wildlife Conservation Society

Comments on the Draft Flathead National Forest Plan

September 14, 2016

Dear Greetings! :

We have featured Dr. John Weaver's wildlife reports in previous newsletters. Today we share with you his latest comments concerning the Draft Flathead National Forest (FNF) revised management plan.

This concise report highlights wildland areas across the FNF that he advises should be given greater protective status that they currently enjoy under the existing 1987 plan or as proposed in the draft plan to better protect and connect wildlife habitat across the Flathead Forest and region. Dr. Weaver focuses on:

- [The North Fork Flathead](#)
- [Middle Fork Flathead](#)
- [South Fork Flathead](#)
- [Hungry Horse Area](#)
- [Swan Valley Area](#)

Click on any of the above links to see the individual maps Dr. Weaver has produced that illustrate his recommendations. You can read his entire report [here](#) (it's just 16 pages!).

Please feel free to use these maps to help you construct your own comments.

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Thank YOU!

While the draft forest plan is voluminous (4 volumes!) your comments can and should speak to the essence of what you value and wish to see conserved across the forest in the years ahead.

[Headwaters Montana and the Montana Wilderness Association](#) have teamed up to produce a postcard that you will receive in the next few days. We hope you will be encouraged to take ten minutes to express yourself to the Flathead Forest planning team.



This is the face of the post card you will be receiving in the mail soon. The card provides information and a tear-off postcard on which you can write your comments and mail to the Flathead National Forest.

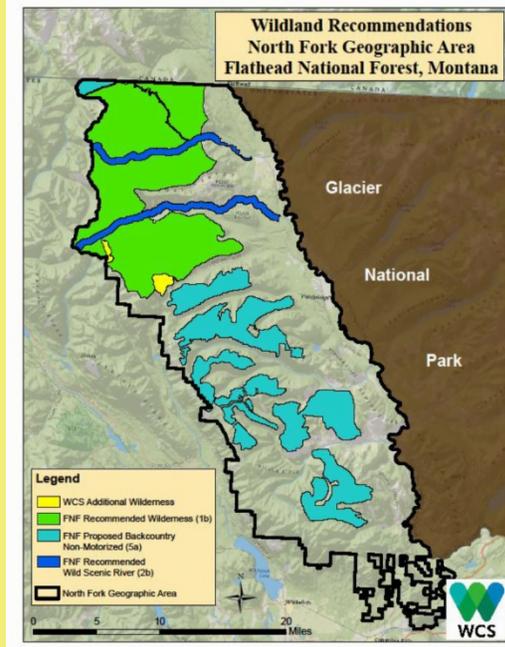
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comment. Submit your comments via the USFS Web portal [here](#).

[Or write the Flathead Forest at:](#)

**Flathead National Forest
Attn: Forest Plan Revision
650 Wolfpack Way
Kalispell, Montana 59901.**

Figure 1. Areas endorsed and recommended for Wilderness (1b) and Backcountry Non-motorized (5a) by the WCS in the North Fork Geographic Area, Flathead National Forest, Montana.



An example of one of Dr. John Weaver's maps recommending additional protections to the North Fork Geographic Area of the Flathead National Forest. Dr. Weaver's recommendations do not in all cases coincide with those of Headwaters Montana. Click links to left to view other Weaver maps of the Flathead Forest. (Image Courtesy, Wildlife Conservation Society)

Finally, please spread the word to your friends and family. Feel free to resend this e-newsletter. Forest Plan Revision will shape the management of this special place for the next 20+ years. The Flathead Forest never sleeps!

Thank you for your support and participation.

Cheers!



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