# Comment Summary- Upper Bitterroot/West Fork Amendments

### • R2 received a total of 140 comments

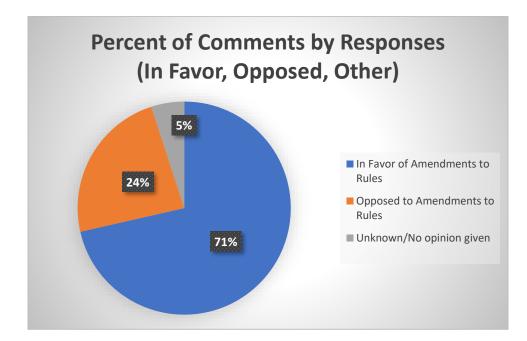
- 116 written comments
- 24 verbal comments
- **71% in favor** of the amendments to the Upper Bitterroot/West Fork ARM rules.

#### Themes in Comments

- Replacing "float" with "launch" will ease congestion at boundary sites.
- Replacing "float" with "launch" will allow outfitters to spread out on the river.
- Replacing "float" with "launch" makes more sense logistically for outfitters.
- **24% opposed** to the amendments to the Upper Bitterroot/West Fork ARM rules.

#### Themes in Comments

- Replacing "float" with "launch" will increase pressure on the river.
- Replacing "float" with "launch" will increase the number of boats on the river.
- Recommendation for a different system.
- **5% did not express an opinion in their comment** on the amendments to the Upper Bitterroot/West Fork ARM rules.



## **Responses by Residence**

|          | Montana<br>Residents (n=75) | Out of State<br>Residents (n=17) | Residence Unknown<br>(n=42) |
|----------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| In Favor | 55%                         | 86%                              | 89%                         |
| Opposed  | 44%                         | 12%                              | 9%                          |
| Unknown  | 1%                          | 2%                               | 2%                          |