

From: [Alex Hibala](#)
To: [FWP Madison River COM](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Rest and Rotation needs to go
Date: Wednesday, December 15, 2021 8:06:27 AM

I am writing in support of repealing the Walk/Wade and Rest / Rotation for the upper Madison River. It has been my experience as a guide on Montana rivers that the rest / rotation scheme does little to protect the underlying resource and only concentrates angling use by type (commercial / recreational). The significant increase in Madison river angling use over the last 5+ years is primarily from non-commercial use and funneling this crowd to a specific "rested" section of the river makes less sense than ever. The short length of the Madison under consideration for regulation makes the situation even less tenable, as compared to the greater reaches that are rotated such as the Big Hole.

I urge the Commission to repeal both ARM rules and allow FWP and the concerned organizations to find another solution to crowding on the Madison.

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From: [River Summit Group](#)
To: [FWP Madison River COM](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] repeal ARM 12.11.6702 and 12.11.6706
Date: Tuesday, December 7, 2021 2:29:09 PM
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We are in favor of the Madison River Work Group's recommendation to the commission to repeal ARM 12.11.6702 and 12.11.6706. We agree that there is not enough evidence to support its validity.

Sincerely,

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**From:** [DAVID SCULLY](#)  
**To:** [FWP Madison River COM](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] In favor of repeal  
**Date:** Saturday, November 20, 2021 5:04:09 PM

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am totally in favor of repealing 12.11.6702 WALK/WADE SECTIONS OF MADISON RIVER AUTH: 87-1-303, MCA IMP: 87-1-303, MCA 12.11.6706 REST/ROTATION OF MADISON RIVER COMMERCIAL USE AUTH: 87-1-303, MCA

As a guide and an outfitter on the upper Madison for over 40 years, I felt that the Rest/Rotation of Madison commercial use was very poor idea. It would have created overcrowding, as was proven back in the 70's/early80's where entire sections would be closed for an entire year. The crowding back then was worse than it is now.

It would also have placed people in a dangerous position, when they could not use the upper portion of the to avoid the extremely high winds that we get, and it would have place people in the Cameron flats with no protection and low water. That is a dangerous situation.

The Walk/Wade sections that we currently have could actually be opened up and it would allow for greater distribution of people. Not many people are capable of wading the Madison safely and it truly is a difficult and technical river to wade. I have not witnessed any wading/floating conflict, except with private boats that don't know river etiquette or they are unable to control their boat well enough to avoid a wade fisherman. The interaction that I have experienced, with the very few wade fisherman that I see, has been very positive with a frequent exchange of "what's working."

Thank you for giving me the chance to voice my opinion and I am fully supporting the REPEAL OF BOTH--WALK/WADE AND REST/ROTATION.

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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] proposed repeal of ARM 12.11.6702 and 12.11.6706  
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Hello,

I agree with the work group's recommendation to repeal ARM 12.11.6702 and 12.11.6706.

Thank you and Happy Thanksgiving,  
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