

From: [Derik Butts](#)
To: [FWP Madison River COM](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Walk-Wade Regulations
Date: Tuesday, December 7, 2021 9:45:20 PM

Hello,

I am a born and raised Montanan, avid Hunter and angler, and a wildlife professional. I would like to voice my support for the walk-wade regulations on the upper Madison River.

As a recent college graduate and an under-paid wildlife technician, I can only afford to wade angle. These regulations keep waters more accessible to wade anglers such as myself, as well as give us locals a chance to enjoy our public lands without competing with commercial anglers.

Thank you for your time and continued protection of our shared public lands.

-Derik Butts

From: [Grant Parker](#)
To: [FWP Madison River COM](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Madison River Recreation Access
Date: Tuesday, December 7, 2021 2:39:50 PM

Please maintain and expand the walk and wade regulation on the upper river and the public weekend recreation opportunities. Having enjoyed Montana's rivers for over half a century, I am dismayed at the over-commercialization of our rivers, including the Madison, and how hard it is for members of the public like me to find quality fishing opportunities.

Please remember that the fish and waters are a public resource and manage it for the benefit of the resource and for the public.

Grant Parker

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From: [john Ethen](#)
To: [FWP Madison River COM](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Regulations
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I support the walk and wade proposal for the upper Madison. John Ethen.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Pat Boyer](#)
To: [FWP Madison River COM](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Madison River
Date: Monday, December 6, 2021 3:29:30 PM

Dear Commissioners,

I have fished the Madison River for well over 60 years. The amount of boat traffic on that river breaks my heart. Fishing there, these days, is not a pleasant experience. I strongly support the proposed walk and wade on the upper River and boat regulations on the lower sections. Please, do the right thing and give back to the general public the quality experiences we once had.

Thank you.

Pat Boyer

Sent from my iPad

From: [JD Spartz](#)
To: [FWP Madison River COM](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Walk in and float/wade fishing only upper river
Date: Tuesday, November 30, 2021 8:52:18 AM

Commercial traffic is overwhelming on the river. It seems to increase each year. Restrictions and not increasing these trips can only improve the health of the river. Leave the upper river for the folks that are willing to walk or float in and willing to fish from shore. Let's not get greedy and diminish what we already have.
JD

From: [NICHOLAS URDA](#)
To: [FWP Madison River COM](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Say NO to float fishing the wade section on Madison!!!
Date: Tuesday, November 30, 2021 3:56:50 AM

Been fishing the Madison every summer for 40 years Please don't ruin my favorite river.They have plenty of water to float without this section.They cause enough disruption"guides with their clients" stopping and fishing this section. Thanks Nick Urda ALIQUPPA Pa...

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From: [Tom McGuane](#)
To: [FWP Madison River COM](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL]
Date: Saturday, November 27, 2021 8:31:22 AM

The walk-wade portion of the Madison should be preserved. Drift boat angling with indicator nymph rigs has given the guiding community the ability to offer anglers of limited or no skills to immediately catch trout. Most guided anglers are from out of state and so this system is an important importer of money to Montana. In the view of many, including me, trout fishing is not just another extractive industry, a way to convert the natural world into cash. The vast majority of Montana's rivers are available to boat anglers and it should be no great sacrifice to allow this small part of the Madison to be excluded from purely commercial interests.

Tom McGuane
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