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Comments: I am writing to express comments against expanding the number of outfitter and guide permits issued in Beaverhead /DeerLodge National Forest. In my opinion, the view expressed that additional permits are necessary to insure that solitude is available to more people - is counter intuitive. The best way to insure solitude is to not increase the number of people being brought into the forest via guides.

I am a 67 year old woman and a native of Montana. I have hiked the forests my whole life. I still walk to mountain lakes (sore knees and all) and I truly hope this simple pleasure is not disturbed by outfitters. I also truly hope the outfitters association's clout does not supercede individuals like myself who take the time to write in.