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Comments: It is the responsibility of the Forest Service to preserve the wilderness character of the Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex, not to promote any particular use, such as outfitting or guiding.

The Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex Outfitter and Guide Permit Reauthorization lacks site-specific information that would allow the public to determine the impacts of this reauthorization. It is essential that the Forest Service make the following information available for public review on its website and extend the public comment period for another 45 days after information is published:

- permitted service days versus actual use for each permit
- annual inspections, performance evaluations, or public complaints related to each campsite or operator
- any NEPA documents and related decisions dealing with outfitting service levels or allocation in the Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex
- the Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex Character Narrative
- 2017 needs assessment and extent necessary documentation
- Campsite Management Plans for each outfitter camp

Given the extensive impacts outfitting has on the Wilderness, the Forest Service must not use a Categorical Exclusion (CE) to renew any outfitter permits. An Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Statement with accompanying public input is called for to properly protect the Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex.