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I urge the Forest Service to obey the law by protecting the wilderness character in the Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex as it considers outfitter permits:

The Forest Service's responsibility is to preserve the wilderness character of the Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex, The Forest Service has no business promoting any particular use, such as outfitting/guiding, which can have serious negative impacts.

The Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex Outfitter and Guide Permit Reauthorization lacks site-specific information, despite requesting site-specific comments. Accordingly, the Forest Service must make the following information available for public review on its website and must also extend the public comment period for another 45 days after information is published on the website:
- permitted service days versus actual use for each permits.
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 many impacts outfitting has on the Wilderness, the Forest Service clearly 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 this fabled Wilderness Complex. To do otherwise would violate NEPA.