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Comments: I understand 62 renewed permits for outfitters are being considered for the Great Bear, Scapegoat, and Bob Marshall Wilderness Areas. It is difficult to make a meaningful comment on this without knowing which permits and in what locations these permits encompass. It seems an environmental impact statement needs to go along with the proposed permitting process. Has an impact statement been released? Pack animals have a significant impact on the trails. I've been on trails where pack animals went before me when it was muddy. The mud dries up and big divots are left for me to hike on, making footing precarious at times. This needs to be considered in your permit renewal process.

Thank you for your time Cynthia Mason