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Comments: The Forest Service's legal duty is to preserve the wilderness character of the Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex, not to promote commercial outfitting or guiding.

Despite the Forest Service request for site-specific comments to The Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex Outfitter and Guide Permit Reauthorization lacks any site-specific information, making it impossible for any public comments to address the effects these commercial activities, if permitted, will have on any specific site. 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 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 many impacts outfitting (particularly the use of pack animals) 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 this fabled Wilderness Complex.