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Comments: Hi Forest Service folks -

I'm writing about the Bob Marshall Wilderness and the 62 special-use outfitter permits that are about to be renewed... I'm a big fan of responsible horse packing in wilderness, but it's important that permits aren't issued to individual outfitters until we know exactly the types of activities they are proposing and will have permission for. Group size (people and pack animals) is a particular concern. Minimal camping only, not luxury experiences with all the supplies and waste that comes with it. I'm OK with a permanent (rustic) corral - it keeps damage in one place and happens only once, better than cutting trees or assembling deadfall each time in multiple places. The Bob is a real treasure - a special wild place - and it would be a shame if commercial outfitters got carried away and didn't respect it's wild status. Please review their permit renewal applications carefully, with transparency, to ensure that environmental impacts are minimal. A poor decision made in haste can cause permanent damage to this fragile and protected public land. Leave only footprints.

Thanks, Linda Ivany