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Comments: I implore the Forest Service to protect wilderness character in the Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex as it considers outfitter permits. It is the Forest Service's responsibility to preserve the wilderness character, not to promote any particular use, such as outfitting/guiding. As it stands, 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, such as permitted service days versus actual use for each permit. Annual inspections, performance evaluations, or public complaints related to each campsite. Any NEPA documents and related decisions dealing with outfitting service levels or allocation in the Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex. Campsite Management Plans for each outfitter camp.

Given the many 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 this fabled Wilderness Complex.