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Comments: Hi, as a backpacker and bowhunter and former Montanan (Missoula and Anaconda), I'm really glad the Bob Marshall Wilderness exists, and I'm glad there are outfitters and guides that bring more people into the "wild" and build the value of "wild" in more people. However, there's a wee-bit too much of horse outfitter use and accommodation as evidenced by the long term literal and figurative "footprint" of too much pack animal traffic in the Bob Marshall. I do Not want them kicked-out or forbidden from the Bob Marshall, but a little more limit on horse outfitter numbers and impact from their activity would be a good idea. That said, the majority of horse outfitters I've ran across and occasionally talked to have been clean campers and try to manage their impact. Thanks!