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Comments: Years ago, when I visited the Bob, I was greatly disappointed by the impact of outfitter presence and activities in this storied Wilderness. Heavily rutted trails, intrusive structures like the numerous corals were just the most obvious damage done by outfitters. Those facilities support the high impact of excessively large groups of Wilderness users.

This "privatizations" of Wilderness is not in keeping with the purpose of protected Wilderness - leaving the land untrammeled with little impact from human activity. There are plenty of nearby areas that outfitters can use for their high impact activities.

The scoping letter is very vague about what is being permitted. The purpose of NEPA is to disclose the impact of the proposed action. A categorical exclusion is an unwarranted abuse of that provision.

Where is the rigorous discussion of the past impact of outfitter use of the area? A proper scoping letter must address those issues in depth. Now is the time to put an end to the damage done in the past, rather than grandfather in the ongoing, original harm.

Of all places, this crown jewel of our Wilderness program must not be degraded for the gain of private "investors".

If done properly, transparently and legally, renewal of outfitters permits will be denied.