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Comments: I strongly urge the Forest Service to protect the Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex as a true wilderness. This would mean that outfitter permits would be evaluated on an individual basis, and the environmental impacts, both individually and as a group, would be considered. In order for the public to make meaningful contributions to this process, site-specific information should be provided. Further, outfitters providing guide services in this area should not be able to construct or maintain permanent structures like tent frames, corrals, and hitching posts, as these are antithetical to a wilderness experience. To preserve the wilderness, it is important that use characteristics (number of people, number of days, impact on trails and campsites) be available for evaluation and comment. As such, the public comment period should be extended for at least 45 days after that information is available to the public via the Forest Service website.