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Comments: Limit access by humans to all areas that are designated as WILDERNESS areas by any means especially mechanized means. Leave some of the planet for the other 99% of the planets lifeforms.

The Forest Service's responsibility is to preserve the wilderness character of the Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex, NOT to promote any particular use, such as outfitting/guiding.

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:

It must catalog permitted service days versus actual use for each permit

It must divulge annual inspections, performance evaluations, or public complaints related to EACH campsite or operator

It must divulge any NEPA documents and related decisions dealing with outfitting service levels or allocation in the Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex

It must delineate the Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex Character Narrative

with an updated 2017 needs assessment and extent necessary documentation

With a Campsite Management Plan 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.