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Comments: The Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex Outfitter and Guide Permit Reauthorization requests sitespecific comments but appears not to present any site-specific information for scrutiny. Such information should be made available, so that relevant comments can be made. The public comment period should be extended after this information is offered.

Outfitting has many impacts on Wilderness quality. As such, a Categorical Exclusion should not be used to renew outfitter permits. An Environmental Assessment or even an Environmental Impact Statement with public comment should be initiated to identify current problems and offer plans to address them.

I remind the Forest Service that it has a responsibility to protect the wilderness resource not promote any particular recreational activity such as outfitting.