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Comments: We are writing to ask that you please protect wilderness character in the Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex as you consider outfitter permits. We think that it is the Forest Service's responsibility is to preserve the wilderness character of the Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex and not to promote any particular use, such as outfitting or guiding.

Our concern is that the Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex Outfitter and Guide Permit Reauthorization does not have site-specific information, though requesting site-specific comments and therefore the Forest Service should 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:

- permitted service days versus actual use for each permit

- annual inspections, performance evaluations, or public complaints related to each campsite or operator

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

- the Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex Character Narrative

- 2017 needs assessment and extent necessary documentation

- Campsite Management Plans 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.

Please, please do your job and protect wilderness for us all and not lean towards various other demands like outfitting permits which are not properly done!