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Comments: I am writing to express my concern regarding the reauthorization of outfitter and guide permits within the Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex. As a passionate advocate for the preservation of our natural landscapes, I believe it is essential to uphold the wilderness character of this complex while ensuring transparency and accountability in the permit reauthorization process.

Given the significant impact outfitter activities can have on the delicate ecosystem of the Wilderness, I strongly urge the Forest Service to refrain from using a Categorical Exclusion (CE) in the permit renewal process. Instead, I request that an Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Statement be conducted, accompanied by a thorough public input process. This will ensure that the reauthorization aligns with the preservation goals of the Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex and considers the diverse interests and concerns of the public.

Preserving the integrity of the Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex is a shared responsibility, and I trust that the Forest Service will prioritize the transparency and due diligence necessary to protect one of the last great expanses of biodiversity in the world. Thank you for your attention to this matter, and I look forward to a thoughtful and informed decision-making process.