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Comments: Dear USFS,

I'm writing to urge all of your representatives to please protect the wilderness character in the Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex as it considers outfitter permits. This wilderness area's character must be preserved because it is the USFS responsibility to do so. This is in direct contrast to promoting any particular use, such as outfitting/guiding.

I've noticed that the Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex Outfitter and Guide Permit Reauthorization lacks site-specific information, despite requesting site-specific comments. Please make the following information available for public review on your website and 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

Because there are many impacts that outfitting has on the Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex, representatives of the USFS 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.

Thank you for the opportunity to be heard. And thank you for doing right by this wilderness area in the ways I mentioned above.

Sincerely,

Kirstie Palmer