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Comments: 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. Outfitting impacts Wilderness. The Forest Service should not use a Categorical Exclusion (CE) to renew any outfitter permits.
The Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex Outfitter and Guide Permit Reauthorization lacks site-specific information. How can commenters be expected to offer input when the Reauthorization lacks that information which should include: (a)permitted service days versus actual use for each permit, (b) annual inspections, performance evaluations, or public complaints related to each campsite or operator (c) any NEPA documents and related decisions dealing with outfitting service levels or allocation in the Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex,(d) the Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex Character Narrative (e) Campsite Management Plans for each outfitter camp.
An Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Statement with accompanying public input is called for to properly protect this fabled Wilderness Complex. Accordingly, the Forest Service must make the above mentioned information available for public review on its website and also extend the public comment period for another 45 days after information is published on the website.
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