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Comments: Thank you for accepting my comments. As you know the Forest Service's responsibility is to preserve the "wilderness character" of the Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex.

I find the Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex Outfitter and Guide Permit Reauthorization lacks specific information, despite requesting site-specific comments from the public. The Forest Service should make additional information available for public to review on its website. Once posted the Forest Service should allow a public comment period for another 45 days.

The information necessary should include:

* the number of permitted service days versus actual use for each permit

* insights on Forest Service annual inspections, performance evaluations, or public complaint processes related to each campsite or operator

* lists of NEPA documents and related decisions related to outfitting service levels and allocations in the Wilderness complex and campsite management plans and anticipated impacts for each outfitter camp.

Finally and importantly the Forest Service should not use a Categorical Exclusion to renew "any" outfitter permits. To gain public confidence and to properly protect these wilderness areas an Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Statement with accompanying public input is necessary and appropriate.