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Comments: I understand that despite requests for information regarding pending new permits for outfitters for the Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex, that you have failed to provide that information and/or answers to questions raised. This is unacceptable, and smacks of corruption (taking bribes) and shady dealing. You work for the American people, and you need our trust. Operating in secrecy causes a lack of trust. You should operate in a totally transparent manner.

Further, it's your responsibility to protect and preserve this wilderness area, and I understand that present outfitters are causing damage to the wilderness area.

Therefore, I urge you to do the following:

You (the Forest Service) must make the following information available for public review on your 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.

You must take these kinds of steps for every wilderness area or national park that is under your purview.

In this era of climate change and with species starting to vanish, your work is more important than ever. Corporate greed has controlled our country government for far too long and it must stop! If they had their way, there would be no wilderness areas left, and wildlife eradicated. All of life is interconnected. No more species should face extinction and no more National Parks and Wilderness areas should be ruined by the greed of individuals and corporations. We, the American people, are watching and we are fed up. We WILL hold you accountable for your actions. Do the right thing.