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Comments: I have visited many wilderness areas west of the Mississippi and as a hiker I do not appreciate the intense horse packer use that the Bob Marshall Complex has and that the Forest Service's wants to continue with. It is the responsibility of the Forest Service to preserve the wilderness character of the Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex, not to promote any particular use, such as outfitting/guiding. The Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex Outfitter and Guide Permit Reauthorization lacks site-specific information and has been unable to hold outfitters accountable for the degradation of the trails, campsites and water sources. The Forest Service must make the following information available for public review on its 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. the damage done by the animals and the people they carry should not be ignored any further. Please make a bigger effort to make this evaluation and the accompany decisions.