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Comments: To all involved USFS officials,

Please accept this letter as comment on Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex Outfitter and Guide Permit Reauthorization, project #65359.

Firstly, 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.\*

This Reauthorization lacks site-specific information, despite requesting site-specific comments. Accordingly, the USFS 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 USFS \*must not use a Categorical Exclusion\* 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 this opportunity to provide input on this project.