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Comments: Dear Forest Service Planning Team,

Thank you for allowing public input on your decision about whether or not to renew outfitter and guide permits in the Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex.

I believe that in order to protect wilderness, it is vitally important that people be permitted and encouraged to get out there and enjoy the wilderness in the first place. The best way to lose wilderness is to have people stop appreciating it through ignorance and lack of use. I encourage you to reissue permits to outfitters and wilderness guides. They are the ones maintaining trails and keeping our wild places accessible. As soon as these areas become inaccessible they will lose public interest and consequently they will lose public support and funding. Please do not reduce the number of outfitter and guide permits.