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Comments: To whom it may concern,

I would like to comment on this proposal but have not been given enough information about which permits are being renewed, the specific locations and specific considerations for each sight.

Where are the campsite management plans for our review? I ask that the comment period be extended until which time the Forest Service can provide more detailed information so that the public can make a more informed decision.

Many of the sites used by these outfitters are over-used and need to be rested to allow vegetation to regenerate in order to preserve the Wilderness character. When were the last noxious weed surveys conducted at these sites? Many of these campsites are using permanent structures such as hitching posts, obscenely large corrals and tent frames that are not compatible with Wilderness. What is the Forest Service doing to ensure that the unpermitted structures are taken down or not expanded.

This issue is complicated and deserves a full environmental review campsite by campsite and outfitter by outfitter. For example; how many complaints were lodged on individual outfitters and are each outfitter following the Wilderness regulations?, Are the trails, some of which resemble logging roads, accessing these sites in good enough shape to support commercial use or should they be rested? Using a categorical exclusion would be reckless, lazy and irresponsible since this renewal will last for 10 long years of use and abuse.

The Forest Service's first responsibility is to adhere to the Wilderness Act, not to the convenience and profits of the outfitters. Passing the buck and accepting the status quo for another 10 years without a serious review in not acceptable.

Respectfully,

Steve Hahn