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Comments: I join all those who believe 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.

It seems clear the Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex Outfitter and Guide Permit Reauthorization lacks site-specific information, despite requesting site-specific comments.

Therefore, as you know, 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 all the known impacts outfitting has on wilderness in general and will have on the BMarshall Wilderness in particular, the Forest Service should not use a Categorical Exclusion to renew any outfitter permits. An Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Statement-- with accompanying public input -- is clearly needed to properly protect this special Wilderness area.