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Comments: As a former 3 season backcountry Forestry Technician for Yellowstone National Park, with 3 more stints volunteering for Trail Crew in the Teton Wilderness Area, I am well aware of the value of outfitting in Wilderness Areas and the positive impact outfitters can have on increasing public perception of Wilderness Areas' value. I have no qualms about renewing outfitter camp permits as long as those outfitters have acted responsibly in the past and have a track record of being good stewards of Wilderness lands. My concern raised here is about the Forest Service's transparency in this process, which I feels fall short of public expectations. I therefore submit the following comments for consideration:

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.

The Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex Outfitter and Guide Permit Reauthorization lacks site-specific information, despite requesting site-specific comments. Accordingly, 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.