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Comments: How am I supposed to make a meaningful, informed comment on the Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex Outfitter and Guide Permit Reauthorization #65359 when the Forest Service has not provided information disclosing which permits, their locations, or any associated information would be reauthorized?

Look, I know that the Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex has a long history of outfitting and guiding, and that many outfitters there have been great supporters of protecting these Wildernesses. But, outfitting and camps have impacts which are often glossed over or overlooked, including Wilderness trails so heavily used by pack animals that they more resemble roads than foot or horse trails, and outfitter campsites in Wilderness that are allowed to have structures like tent frames, corrals, and hitching posts. All of these outfitter impacts are exacerbated by the extraordinarily large people and pack stock party sizes allowed in the Wildernesses.

I believe that the Forest Service must disclose the impacts from the proposed renewal of 62 special use outfitter permits that will be in place for at least a decade! The agency's scoping letter doesn't give me important information, such as annual inspections and public complaints, and on top of that, the agency proposes to approve the renewals with a Categorical Exclusion (CE), rather than go through a more rigorous environmental review.

I urge the Forest Service to make the following information available for public review on its website and 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

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.

Thank you for considering my comments.