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Comments: Subject: Urgent Appeal to Safeguard Wilderness Character in Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex

Dear Forest Service Officials,

I am writing to emphasize the critical importance of preserving the wilderness character of the Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex during the consideration of outfitter permits. The Forest Service's primary responsibility should be to safeguard the unique and pristine nature of this wilderness, rather than prioritizing any specific use, such as outfitting or guiding.

The current Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex Outfitter and Guide Permit Reauthorization lacks essential site-specific details, despite requesting such information. To ensure transparency and informed decision-making, it is imperative that the Forest Service promptly makes the following information available for public review on its website. Additionally, the public comment period should be extended by 45 days after this information is published:

1. Permitted service days versus actual use for each permit
2. Annual inspections, performance evaluations, or public complaints related to each campsite or operator
3. Any NEPA documents and related decisions addressing outfitting service levels or allocation in the Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex
4. The Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex Character Narrative
5. The 2017 needs assessment and any necessary accompanying documentation
6. Campsite Management Plans for each outfitter camp

Considering the significant impacts of outfitting on the Wilderness, it is crucial that the Forest Service refrains from using a Categorical Exclusion (CE) to renew any outfitter permits. Instead, an Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Statement, accompanied by public input, is essential to properly protect the integrity of this renowned Wilderness Complex.

I urge the Forest Service to prioritize the long-term preservation of the Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex and take necessary actions to ensure its wilderness character remains unharmed for future generations.

Sincerely,

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