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Comments: I want to share my concern about the apparent rubber stamping of renewals of existing outfitter permits. 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.

The Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex Outfitter and Guide Permit Reauthorization lacks site-specific information, despite requesting site-specific comments. In order to allow for true review and assessment, the Forest Service should provide complete and accurate site level information and complete an environmental review before renewing any outfitters.

The Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex is one of the crown jewels of our National Wilderness Preservation System and helps protect one of the last great expanses of biodiversity in the world. It is first and foremost meant to be protected and preserved as a wilderness. Commercial interests must take second place to this mandate.

Thank you for considering my comments.