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Comments: 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. A complete Environmental Study needs to be done first and all aspects of the project detailed with how this project will harm the environment. It would be better to not have the project at all if it harms just one group of animals, trees, land, or people.
As the service responsible for the preservation of this wilderness you must make sure the following information is included:
- permitted service days versus actual use for each permit (number of days permit is good for is important instead of just an open permit). This permit must be review annually and renewed only if it meets the qualifications stated.
- annual inspections, performance evaluations, or public complaints related to each campsite or operator done by independent people and any and all NEPA documents and related decisions dealing with outfitting service levels or allocation in the Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex must be covered and approve before going on with the complex.
- the Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex Character Narrative must be complete and honestly made with facts and figures.
- 2017 needs assessment and extent necessary documentation. New needs assessment must be done now and then done yearly after that.
- Campsite Management Plans for each outfitter camp must be complete with no information left out. Complete means complete with all details stated.
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. This needs to show the damage that will be done to the area and what will be done to minimize this damage. Preferably camp sites should be limited to one or two sites only and not more than two for the whole area.