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Comments: As an American citizen and frequent visitor to our nation's federally-designated Wilderness areas, I am writing to urge the Forest Service to hold off on re-authorizing the outfitter and guide permits in question until the following concerns have been met, and to refrain from reauthorizing them if necessary.

The Forest Service is proposing to renew existing outfitter permits in the Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex, without disclosing which permits, their locations, or any associated information, making it impossible to provide meaningful public input. However, 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 and/or 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:

- A) Permitted service days versus actual use for each permit;
- B) annual inspections, performance evaluations, or public complaints related to each campsite or operator;
- C) any NEPA documents and related decisions dealing with outfitting service levels or allocation in the Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex;
- D) the Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex Character Narrative;
- E) 2017 needs assessment and extent necessary documentation;
- F) 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 the Wilderness Complex.

Thank you for your careful consideration.