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Comments: As someone deeply concerned about the wilderness that remains in the U.S., I am writing to urge you to ensure the strongest level of protection for the Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex as you consider outfitter permits.

While I respect that outfitting and guiding are activities enjoyed by many people and bring revenue to communities near the Wilderness, those activities cannot impair the wilderness character, and it is the Forest Service's responsibility to carefully evaluate the impact such activities have and to protect the wilderness from activities that may harm it.

In its current form, 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:

- 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

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 needed to renew such permits.

Thank you for your consideration.