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Comments: It is important to me that our Forest Service meets its responsibility to preserve the wilderness areas such as the Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex. It should not promote any particular use, such as outfitting/guiding.

The Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex Outfitter and Guide Permit Reauthorization should contain site-specific information, despite requesting site-specific comments. The Forest Service in order to meet its responsibility to the public must make specific information available for public review on its website. The public comment period needs to be extended for another 45 days after information is published on the website:

- 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 dealing with outfitting service levels or allocation in the Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex
- 4) the Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex Character Narrative
- 5) 2017 needs assessment and extent necessary documentation
- 6) Campsite Management Plans for each outfitter camp

Protecting our wilderness areas includes complete assessment of outfitters use and impact, so 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 vital for proper protection this fabled and priceless Wilderness Complex.