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Comments: I was born in Great Falls in 1983. I have lived the vast majority of my life in Montana, and have witnessed a drastic shift in how normal people interact with nature as compared with the rich. Outfitters, by and large, benefit those who are wealthy. And outfitters, by and large, impose an outsized footprint on the volume of people on our public lands. It amazes me that the USFS has not already curtailed profiteering on our public lands. There is no reason to allow this profiteering to expand unchecked. Enjoyment of our lands can be had in a reasonable fashion by those willing to put in the work to enjoy it on their own; this pre-requirement (putting in the work) both guards against abuses and puts limits on the crowding that comes with over-authorization of commercial outfitters. Do not reauthorize the full amount of permits; do us all a favor and cut them in half instead.