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Comments: The Forest Service is failing the resource and the public by fast - tracking the Bob Marshal Wilderness Outfitter and Guide Permit Reauthorization through an inappropriate application of a Categorial Exclusion. By renewing 62 special use outfitter permits for 10 years, absent appropriate environmental analysis, the Forest Service will be cumulatively permitting 620 years of industrial - scale recreational impact on a landscape undergoing rapid climate - induced changes that threaten the survival of native species such as grizzly bear and whitebark pine. The Forest Service has the responsibility for protecting the wilderness character of the Bob Marshal Wilderness Complex for the benefit of those who will come after us. The Forest Service must extend the public comment period and commit to conducting a fully informed and transparent Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Statement.