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Comments: I'm writing as a long time visitor to the Bob Marshall Wilderness. My first experience in the Bob was in the 1970s and I have watched it evolve in the subsequent decades. The degradation is obvious.

The Forest Service must protect wilderness character as it considers outfitter permits. It is irresponsible to not consider the expanding and evolving use of the wilderness over time when renewing guide permits. I know from long term personal experience that the character of the Bob is degrading. Permits should not be allowed without updated impact analysis and a centering on the preservation that wilderness designation requires.

Outfitting exacerbates overuse of the Wilderness and should receive regular and special scrutiny. Using Categorical Exclusion to renew outfitter permits completely ignores the purpose of a Wilderness.