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Comments: Thank you for this opportunity to comment,

We believe that the Forest Service must write an EIS for this. We disagree with he Forest Service's idea of its responsibility, the Forest  responsibility is to preserve the wilderness character of the Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex, not to promote any particular use, such as outfitting/guiding.

The Forest Service hasfailed to provide the public with enough information to even be able to comment on this, specifically:  the number of outfitters and/or the number of their clients contemplated for permit reauthorization, where they will or won't be allowed to camp or travel, what rules they will or won't be required to follow re:  weed introduction and/or mitigation, whether or not they'll be allowed to leave equipment and/or gear in the wilderness when they leave, the extent (or not) of their  'leave no trace' requirements, and many other aspects of their permit reauthorizations that have not been revealed to the public.

The Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex Outfitter and Guide Permit Reauthorization is in violation of NEPA because it does not take a hard look at the effects of the permit. It lacks site-specific information. 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 called for to properly protect this fabled Wilderness Complex.