Data Submitted (UTC 11): 5/15/2025 2:46:56 AM
First name: Lynn
Last name: Haley
Organization:
Title:
Comments: The Bob" is one of the crown jewels of the Wilderness System, with some of the best habitat for grizzly bears, Canada lynx, wolverine, elk, bull trout, and other native wildlife. More humans in the area would harm both wildlife that need secure habit and wilderness values such as solitude. PLEASE PROTECT THIS AREA!!

Without a master development plan it is impossible to know what the permit applicants plan to do over the next 20 years. The previous permittees said that the operation is not financially viable without expanding the operations of the lodge.
Excessive recreation is already taking a toll on wildlife in the Bob Marshall Wilderness, including threatened grizzly bears, Canada lynx, and wolverines. If lodge operations expand over the next 20 years, these threatened species will come under even more stress and the pressures of habitat loss.
The previous permit holders let the facility fall into disrepair, resulting in a sewage lagoon leak. The public needs assurance that this will not happen again.
The Forest Service needs to provide a full environmental assessment, rather than shielding the permit applicants from the public comment process with a categorical exclusion. The public must know the potential cumulative effects of the 20-year operations, and "The Bob" deserves more than the perfunctory process of a categorical exclusion.