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Comments: Regarding Kurt Steele's inclination to use a "categorical exclusion" to approve this project based on the proposal involving construction on a site that already has buildings on it, please note:

Limits on size and scope of construction are placed on projects all the time. Just because a few modest dwellings are currently onsite, does not justify more, and substantially larger, dwellings. Especially in such a "soulful" place, as Justin Sibley describes it. (From his desk in Utah).

At the very minimum, citizens have the right to expect that any decisions made by the Forest Service align with the Forest Service's Mission Statement "to sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of the Nation's forests and grasslands to meet the needs of present and future generations". To that end, an environmental assessment and impact statement should be absolutely mandatory.

Montanans flat-out deserve these considerations.