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Comments: Say "No" to this proposal. It will drastically alter and change the very feel and nature of the place and has potential to have detrimental impacts to wildlife and the local watershed.

I read that Flathead National Forest Supervisor Kurtis Steele says he would "probably use a categorical exclusion to approve the project, because the proposal involves construction on a recreation site that already has buildings on it."

Seriously? That would be akin to using a categorical exclusion for a large timber sale because someone cut a few trees down at the same spot 100 years ago.

This isn't an "upgrade," it's a substantial change with potential for huge impacts to wildlife, the watershed and the very feel and nature of the place. It certainly won't "preserve the spirit and integrity" as the former owner states, or make it more "soulful" as the developers ridiculously claim.

It's turning an old, seasonal, historic hunting lodge built by locals into a large year-round resort built by a large out-of-state "adventure lifestyle" corporation that owns 10 ski resorts. They plan to triple the size and capacity of the place and construct several new buildings, including a 13,000-square-foot lodge with 28 rooms, a 3,000-square-foot restaurant, a 2,000-square-foot welcome center for check-in, and 26 new cabins.

Categorical exclusion? No. This requires a thorough environmental assessment.