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Chris,

I've read the brief. The project certainly has some merits and potential excitement, however the process in which the applicant is choosing to proceed with is misguided at best. The scale of the project should be afforded a much more deliberate review and consideration by interested parties. Additionally, the proposal documents are incomplete as Appendices B and C are both missing from the project upload. It is not possible for the public to properly review in the very limited period provided for comment.

With the low water table and significant hydrostatic impact of this development, no study has been offered to delve into the civil and structural implications of such a project. Will deep piles be required? will substantive excavation which has the potential for serious impact to the environment and ecosystem of the lake and its surrounds be required? None of these items appear to have been considered at this point--but yet the applicant and USFS are attempting to utilize a categorical exemption as the site is previously developed. Incredulously, though--as the era in which the expansions and work are decades old. The infrastructure in place today is nowhere near modern enough to support an endeavor such as the proposed--accordingly the request for environmental exemption be fully denied. With respect to the wastewater, the appendix B document is missing--however the brief does cite that the existing wastewater facility and its surrounds are to become part of this development, and the project boundary. This is not a fully developed thought, and more information must be provided. What does this do environmentally? are new roads or expanded roads required? It must also be noted that the expansion of public use of existing facilities will surely see an increase if this project moves forward. The existing use survey minimizes the effect and current utilization, but fails to provide further insight into the expected use case and associated impact. These studies are inconclusive at best and USFS must demand additional consideration and study. Finally, this proposal offers no additional information on the traffic impact and use of the local roadways and Highway 83. The project simply begins and a gated entry off of the access road. The traffic patterns and impact of this proposed development have not been considered in good faith at this time.

While no longer a resident of Montana, but as a past resident of Seeley Lake, MT I would ask that this project be slowed considerably for appropriate forethought and study to take place. A project such as this has the capability to have irrevocable harm to the communities and environment around and the applicant must take the steps necessary to prove that the impact is minimized.

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