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Comments: As a lifelong Montanan and Indigenous woman, only away from the state to pursue my doctorate, I have a vested interest in maintaining the quality of the land and preventing undue stress and development. My concern is not for what is being created, but for what is being taken away. By commercializing the area so far beyond what currently exists we will lose part of the natural biodiversity of the area, and introduce greater human traffic and potential for degradation of the ecosystem. The more forest land that is sold off, the less we have of what makes Montana great. We cannot get it back once it is gone.