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Comments: Ive owned my home in Whitefish for 53 years. I bought this property in a rural countryside with no houses in view in 1971. I bought it because i am disabled and it allowed me and my late husband who suffered from Cerebral Palsy have a gentle existence enjoying the therapeutic creek that runs around my property; home to deer, swans, wood ducks, belted kingfishers, sandhill cranes, owls, coyotes, mink, beavers, elk, and the occasional griz. I bought this home for the solitude and for the nature and for the views. In the 53 years here, ive watched capitalism squeeze this 20acre parcel on all sides. I watched helplessly as a billionaire moved across the street to purchase my neighbor's ranch (Voerman family), and turn it into the biggest music festival in MT, Under the Big Sky fest. I watched, helplessly, as last January, my sister in law sold her 8acre property across the stream, taking advantage of an inflated housing market; to cash out leavin us with greedy Californian neighbors who're now currently building a third mansion on this property we all grew up on, to use as a wedding venue, which entirely destroys my inly remaining view across the stream.

In 53 years, i watched helplessly as capitalism has choked and destroyed all my views. Neighbors building massive egoic mansions on every parcel surrounding us, and now there are no more swans, wood ducks, and elk. Instead, we have spent beer cans and construction litter floating down Haskill creek, and an entire generation of service-industry workers evicted from their rentals and a community on the verge of economic implosion as billionaires from Texas and San Diego ring the dinner bell for their affluent friends, all of whom have now claimed many of the last parcels of undeveloped land in the Flathead, to build their second or seventh vacation homes here.

This proposed resort is the tip of the iceberg of what will surely come to pass if you rubber stamp this resort through, allowing this truly last best place to be devoured by greed. DO NOT LET THIS HAPPEN.