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Comments: U.S. Forest Service,

I'm all for supporting 'reasonable' expansion/refurbishment of existing facilities on public lands, but what is proposed for this site is nothing less than the destruction of the past, and the annulment of the concept of 'reasonable expansion/refurbishment'.

The existing facilities incorporate the 'tone', the 'style', and the 'feel' of what being in a Montana (or Wyoming for that matter) Wilderness area really means historically. Refurbishing/Improving/Expanding the existing facilities is a reasonable approach to creating a CONTINUING Wilderness experience, so that people who are not used to being in 'the wild' surroundings can still get the feeling of 'Old Montana' and what Nature is truly about by becoming part of that history, which the existing facilities have brought into being.

The proposed large scale expansion is nothing less than the equivalent of plucking up a modern Shopping Mall and dropping it on the shores of the lake, in the middle of the wilderness, and then attempting to promote that Shopping Mall as being 'in concert' with the history of the area and it representing the 'culture of Montana's history'. The Shopping Mall would utterly destroy both the history of the existing facilities, the memories real people created by being there, and be exactly the OPPOSITE of the INTENT of allowing 'limited access' to construction, in order to maintain a true 'wilderness' feeling.

I urge the U.S. Forest Service to deny the proposed project, and require those desiring the destruction of the past by placing the equivalent of a Shopping Mall, to design and build a more 'reasonable' replacement for the Existing Facilities, which will NOT destroy either the past, or the intent to keep the 'wild' in the 'Wilderness'.

Thank you for your time in considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

J.R. Bailey