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Comments: Since my husband and I first moved to Montana in 2011, we fell in love with the distinctive small town feel that permeated through our community. When we moved to Bozeman a couple years ago for my education, we lost that sense. While modernization to support an increased population is positive, I worry that this development will turn this area into a similar destination as Big Sky- a destination for the wealthy, for the tourists who see our beauty but do not want to do anything to preserve it, and unfortunately a final destination for these people. Though these people bring wealth, they do so irresponsibly. I love my community and the people here, and seeing the cost of living and housing skyrocket, pushing long-term residents and retirees out of homes and out of the state entirely, is disheartening. I may be going down a bit of a slippery slope here, but I believe we need to protect as much Montana land as we can to ensure the people who already live here can stay here. I am concerned about this new ownership and that the addition of 25 jobs will not be enough to offset a larger out of state company changing the lodge.