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Comments: Good afternoon, my name is Harry Smith, and I am a Montana native. I was born in Whitefish and was raised in rural Columbia Falls, went to Flathead County High School in Kalispell in the 60's.

I had a great life growing up with my family in the mountains as my dad was a logger. Spent many summers and winters in the mountains and valleys in Flathead County as in adjoining counties.

My family comes back for family reunions and other occasions at least once a year, not to mention the hunting trips I return for.

Every time we come back it seems like some things just can't stay the same.

I understand progress means some things need to be upgraded to the modern-day world as in amenities. It doesn't mean it needs to be demolished and replaced with brand new state of the art super structure.

Montana is widely known for its rural ruggedness and folklore of the old vigilante days and its wilderness and its pristine rivers, streams and lakes with their rustic cabin resorts. With a thousand lakes in Itasca County, Minnesota, there are rustic resorts on most lakes that date back to the 30's. Mind you, they most certainly have been updated and kept in good condition but most not tore down for some new modern structure, certainly no tar parking lot.

The wealthy or Corporations wanting to do what you describe, are probably looking for a tax write-off and want a resort that only the wealthy can afford and can't stand a primitive type of structure to spend a week in. That leaves us regular folks out.

I hope you make the right decision as I understand it this is leased land and you have the say, yea or nay as to what can and can't be done. Thank you.