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I was informed of this project last week and I am very grateful that you have extended the comment period so that more people can respond. My initial reaction to proposal was, frankly, astonishment and disbelief. While I do empathize with the present owner's dilemma of wanting to sell the property and the only apparent viable option is to sell to this company whose holdings are mega ski resorts.

At what cost?

My objections are many:

1. The footprint of this proposed development would be overwhelming to Kalispell (my home) where there is a genuine appreciation for trees (Kalispell is nicknamed "tree city". The proposal to take out hundreds of mature forest trees is criminal.
2. Where is the Environmental Impact Statement? I understand that this property has a special use permit and that existing permitted properties may not have to undergo the rigorous environmental assessment as stated "Based on a preliminary assessment, intentions are to categorically exclude the proposed project from documentation in an environmental impact statement or an environmental assessment." If the inclusion of that statement was to get an inflammatory response, you have one. Wells, water and sewer lines to be dug? When you are going to accommodate more than three times the humanity in modern buildings how will you handle that in a drought plagued west.
3. What does it mean that the plan for the project has been approved?
4. Fiber optic cables for the gateway to the Bob Marshall? Perhaps, instead of making the wilderness ready for the masses, the masses need to respect the wilderness. I realize that even John Muir was drawn unwillingly into the politics of preservation. "Society speaks and all men listen, mountains speak and wise men listen".
5. Joni Mitchell said it best in Big Yellow Taxi, "They paved paradise and put up a parking lot
With a pink hotel a boutique, and a swinging hot spot
Don't it always seem to go
That you don't know what you got 'til it's gone
The paved paradise and put up a parking lot"

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