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Comments: I urge the Forest Service to reject this proposal.

We have seen so many negative changes for the worst in the Swan Valley in past 10 years. Holland Lake is one of the few lakes which still remains pristine and provides habitat for Loons. Most of the other lakes in the area are plagued with way too much traffic.

Montana is known for our wildlife, but that will change too. Way too many bears have been killed on roads this year due to the amount of increased traffic. Anyone who has lived here for long knows that the Seeley Swan corridor is not one to travel early mornings or dusk, watch for wildlife and slow down. This is not something that we are seeing with the out of state tourists moving in here.

And how do they expect to find workers? Our experience the last few years is that many businesses in the Seeley area are closed due to lack of workers and many of these people have had to relocate to an area where they could find affordable housing. Maybe they plan to have housing for workers, but how will they find these workers and will they want to stay as many dream of owning their own home one day and it is becoming unaffordable for them to stay in Montana thanks to developments such as these. And those out of state tourists will not be paying for the roads to be expanded and maintained for their pleasure!

We have enjoyed rivers and lakes with our children for over 40 years and now have no desire to even float our own rivers. The Paws Up Ranch has significantly impacted the Blackfoot Valley with increased traffic, dust caused by groups of off road vehicles, flotillas of kayaks and rafts and traffic pulling out in unsafe places due to this ranch. And now the road along the Blackfoot will have to be expanded one day to accommodate that business as well. We had no choice with these private lands, but we do have a choice with our public lands.