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Comments: My name is Emily Jensen and I am currently a resident of Missoula, and have been living in Montana for the past 11 years. The Swan Valley Corridor as it currently exists is one of the places that myself, including countless Montanans cherish as is due to the surrounding wilderness areas and the small local communities. From a human standpoint, Holland Lake provides recreation opportunities for people of all ages and backgrounds year round. While at certain times of year the area is very accessible and highly used, the overall remoteness and Montana beauty holds a special place in the hearts of many.

Even more importantly the area remains a place where wildlife can live and thrive, including species who have been threatened and impacted over many years. More humans, development, and cars will threaten the wildlife.

I am concerned to hear about the project details of a large out of state company, as well as more buildings and a 3 acre parking lot. More buildings that are catering to people from out of state or only with a certain amount of income is against Montanan values and character.

In regards to paving I can see there are environmental issues with the heavily used areas creating dust, I feel this issue is outweighed by the significant impacts of developing and paving in such a place. Asphalt is known for its toxicity to the environment, humans, and animals. As a non permeable pavement, this nasty run-off will permeate into the pristine waters and landscape in the surrounding area. I am also concerned that any paving this section with increase speeding among motor vehicles, which will decrease safety for all users and wild life.

I am hopeful my comment, along with others will cause this district to at the very least perform an environmental review, as well as consider other factors and policies that are not so cookie-cutter and take into account how such drastic ownership changes and development will ultimately negatively effect this area including the locals who live there for the worse.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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