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Comments: We are prostituting Montana.

The people who have lived in, loved, and stewarded the state are watching it ripped away from them because they can't afford to hold onto it. I get it. It's Capitalism, but capitalism isn't perfect. It doesn't account for externalities or skin in the game. The people developing our state are making money, while Montanans hold the downside. The places we used to visit for solitude feel like Walmart on Black Friday. Infrastructure is strained, the outdoors are crowded... it goes on and on.

Montana has become a tragedy of the commons.

Development is like the law of entropy, it naturally moves in one direction, and requires a huge amount of energy to undo.