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Comments: Exploiting the Earth is something we have come to know well through colonization. Picking profits over people and our collective well being. Commodifying the land and water to boost the livelihood of a choice few. The U.S. National Forest Service is in charge of "protecting" and "preserving" land. It seems if the price is right, destruction for construction sake is just fine. TSV is a hot tourist spot, that rakes money in. We're in the high desert, water can be in abundance, or scarce. Water is life, the river feeds the ecosystem, nourishes everything/everyone surrounding. Messing with the biodiversity is a recipe for disaster.

Before expanding, update the current structures effectively and efficiently. Improvements need to be made. However, expanding isn't necessary to draw people here, any time of year. They are already coming, full speed. Enhance what already is there. The Williams Lake trail should be maintained and accessible. Being able to witness a body of water like that here isn't super common. It's a beautiful natural phenomenon. Again, repair what is already there. It's all sacred land, and deserves to be considered as such. Are "public lands" meant to be accessed by any and all? Or is that a cop out to hold on to large swaths of land and roll with the highest bidder's plans?