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Comments: Hello,

I would like to begin by acknowledging the land Forest Service will be receiving, it's always a good thing to expand public land. However, the land being offered to Winter Park Resort is far more valuable. This is not a fair trade.

Development of Forest Service land for town houses will make the landowners an exorbitant about of land annually, and only 3% of the homes are required for local residency. Everyone, from every economic class, deserves affordable housing and a strong sense of community. This exchange doesn't benefit our community, it benefits the wealthy tourists, and wealthy landowners; resulting in a poor sense of community for those of us who didn't inherit generational wealth.

Additionally, this expansion of private land will affect the watershed of the Fraser River, and ski areas that value low traffic and wildlife. It's increasingly becoming impossible to enjoy "wild" outdoor recreation areas. You cannot ethically develop, tear up the earth, and slap a house on top without having serious consequences. You're tearing up habitat homes, and I assure you the Moose, Trout, and Columbine that everyone loves to see when visiting do NOT appreciate their historic territories being cut away at once again.

It is impossible to fully appreciate the unique nature found in Colorado, whilst also developing town houses.

"Harmony with land is like harmony with a friend; you cannot cherish his right hand and chop off his left. That is to say, you cannot love game and hate predators; you cannot conserve the waters and waste the ranges; you cannot build the forest and mine the farm. The land is one organism."

-Aldo Leopold

Thank you for reading my comment, it's greatly appreciated.

Best wishes,

Cassie Van Slyke