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Comments: I purchased a home, on Parkview Drive, in 2014. The key feature that made our home attractive was the view, to the northwest, of downtown Steamboat Springs, Elk Mountain and the area beyond. Before making the purchase, we looked into the ownership of the land behind our home. The land was owned by the U.S. Forest Service and was designated as the site of a new USFS headquarters building. The USFS building, in 2014, was a one story structure, so we concluded that the new building would be one story or two stories at the most.

Now, USFS and the city of Steamboat Springs are proposing to build 84 homes on that small piece of land. The planned buildings that will be in our sightline will be three stories tall. Despite the stated goal to minimize the impact of the views from homes on Parkview Drive, a three-story building will have a serious adverse effect on the view that makes our home desirable.

Changing USFS policy in a way that devalues existing homes is unreasonable and unfair. I believe it amounts to a taking of our property. Please reduce the size of the buildings that will be in the sightline of the homes on Parkview Drive. If this project does devalue my property, I will seek a legal remedy for the taking of my property.

Thank you.