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This is a independent study to measure the economic impact of the proposed Bitterroot Resort. This document is not an environmental assessment. Please limit your input to findings in the Economic Impact Analysis and cite the page number and paragraph. Comments may be mailed to MAEDC at 1121 East Broadway, Suite 100, Missoula, MT 59802, or can be emailed to maedc@maedc.org . All input must be kept to one page using font size 10 -12.

I am writing to express my absolute support for this proposed public resort.

I am very pleased to see the report express the fact that this private land will be developed either way. Page 18 explains that the project will be a large scale destination resort that everyone will have access to or a smaller scale ultra exclusive club similar to the Yellowstone Private Ski and Golf club.

I am hopeful that the decision makers will recognize what an incredible opportunity this is and embrace the proposal at its grandest scale.

I have been eagerly awaiting the economic boost that this project will surely bring. The resulting "clean" businesses and services will entice many of the talented young people to stay in this area and or come to this area.

Our counties are no longer able to be sustained by mining and logging. Tourism is the future. Page 6, last paragraph, refers to the \$20.5MM spent during the summer and fall months by tourists.

Some say the jobs will be low-paying. Please refer to page 30 which describes the "average" wage as being twice the MT minimum and significantly higher than the MT living wage. And again, that doesn't take into account the resulting boom of other businesses that would come to the area.

I also want to point out the significant positive impact that a lightrail system would have on commuters and the environment. Page 40, paragraph 3, describes a rail system linking Hamilton to Missoula.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

My name is Brett Bandow and I absolutely support the Bitterroot Resort.

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