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**Remarks:**

The proposed Bitterroot Resort has obvious economic benefits to the entire Missoula area, this is without dispute. What is more, only a tiny fraction of public lands in forested areas are dedicated to ski area infrastructure. Almost no new ski areas have been built incorporating public lands in the last 50 years. The US Forest service mandate is for multi-use of public lands. Compared to all other uses, recreation, and ski areas in particular, are in the extreme minority. Ski resorts are a relatively clean industry, depending on maintaining the natural beauty of the areas they seek to develop to succeed. The economic benefit they bring to their locales is without question. It is a win/win situation for everyone involved. The Bitterroot Resort should be encouraged to proceed.

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