

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](mailto:maedc@maedc.org). All input must be kept to one page using font size 10 -12.

**Remarks:**

I am writing to express my full support for the development of the Bitterroot Resort. The economic data demonstrates the significant, long term economic impact the resort will have for both Missoula and Ravalli County. As indicated in the background section of the report (page I), the Maclay family has the right to develop anything on their private property that meets current zoning requirements. The fact that they have been willing to submit themselves to the expense and exposure of the public process to do something which will significantly benefit the entire region, not just themselves, is a point that I believe is being overlooked in this process. In addition to the economic study, I have spend considerable time reviewing the development plans and I believe the owner's are committed to maintaining a balance of economic, environmental, and community impacts. The highest and best use of both the private and public property included in this project is the destination resort.

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