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**Remarks:** I have lived in the Missoula area since 1950, and have watched the community slowly evolve from an economy of natural resources extraction to a service and recreation economy. The "greenies" have shut down the logging industry; the mining industry and the influx of money from outside the state have caused the farming and ranching industry to slowly (and at times not so slowly) sell of the land to development, as it is more profitable.

Jobs in the Missoula are scarce, and we now have a citizen that desires to create a business that will benefit the area with jobs, tax dollars, and with out of state monies being brought into the area. The study shows that millions of new dollars will be spent in the area. People from outside the area will want to spend their money and not try to tell the natives how to live.

I was one of the first to see the presentation on the Bitterroot Resort, and at one of these early meetings, a person that migrated to Lolo about four years earlier opposed the development as he "moved here to get away from that type of thing, and didn't want the area to change." These good folks have made their money elsewhere, and do not realize that those of us that live here have got to have jobs and an income to care for our families.

I think that it is admirable that Tom Maclay would consider undertaking such a project for the good of the community, especially when he could receive all the money he would need and a lot less headache by selling to developers. This would provide very little in the way of jobs or recreation to the local community.

I support the plan for the development of the Bitterroot Resort as a Destination Resort with the use of the Forrest Service land to Carlton Ridge and, if necessary, Lolo Peak. Lets use some of the area, not just stare at it.

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