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Editor,
The Daily Inter Lake
300 First Avenue West
Kalispell, Montana

Dear Sir:

I just had the privilege and pleasure of visiting the Kalispell area for several days, and did have time to drive down below Swan Lake and up as far as Hungry Horse Dam. As always in my visits to Montana, I was most impressed with the friendliness and outstanding qualities of the people I met. I also think that nature made the Flathead area about the most beautiful part of the U.S., but sadly noted that the great natural beauty of your area was too often spoiled by billboards, mobile homes on blocks, junked autos and "Kozy Kamps". I visited some great people out on Echo Lake and noticed that, on the other shore, right in the middle of their otherwise million-dollar view, was a demobilized mobile home. Perhaps you should establish some zoning, if it is not too late.

There seems to have been a general rule in our country that if there is anything natural and beautiful, someone will find a way to louse it up in order to turn a fast buck. Of course people will rightly point out that you can't eat scenery, but it is equally obvious that ways must be found to have economic development without abusing the environment as we have done in the past, and time is running out. In any case, I hope the Awakening Giant will always be able to enjoy what he sees around him as he wakes. I enjoyed reading your newspaper, and hope the Timberettes win all their races.

Sincerely,

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