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Comments: To whom it may concern,

Holland Lake is one of my family's favorite areas to "escape from everything" for quiet time for the past 27 years. There really aren't too many places like it in the Northwest Montana greater area, as it has the overall package of being set away from traffic, even more so with all the growing cities, a pristine lake that is never overrun with watercraft, extraordinary plant life including the healthy statuesque tamarack, and an abundance of wildlife that we can count on seeing, and not see that leave their scat. This summer as in all summers we explored the trails by foot, the waters with kayaks, and the shorelines. We heard a couple loons in the distance, 3 frogs swimming in front of us, and a lovely gardener snake warming himself on a rock. This winter we will look forward to snow shoeing and cross country skiing on the frozen lake. The reason I explain how special Holland Lake and the area surrounding it is to me and my family is because I am very concerned about the proposed changes to the Holland Lake Lodge and it's leased land. At first I was excited because I thought the current owner, Christian, was wanting to do some renovations to bring the historical lodge and grounds to their original glory. As someone who lives in a 1903 historical district home, I love and appreciate the passion that goes into preserving and protecting the structures and land that is occupies. Not unlike Glacier National Park, which is the best example I can see if how the people's public land should be guarded. But these proposed changes go against all of that. To build several new structures and tear down historical ones will mean stripping the land of it's trees, risking biological reprocutions on the water, add traffic/increase accidents to the roadways, and alter the animal habitat that has provided a sanctuary to bears, loons, deer, and so much wildlife that has been prolific to the Swan Valley. When you triple or more the footprint of man and buildings to the Holland Lake Lodge, year round verses just three months in the summer, how can it stay the same? And for who to enjoy? The local people will be pushed out, and only the people willing to spend a lot of money will be able to enjoy this very large resort proposed. Integrity will be gone for ultimately nlto make money, and I'm not sure how this is even on the table for discussion at all. I plead for an environmental study be done to examine the effects that this proposal will have on Holland Lake and it's surrounding land. Please make the right decision to protect what is not ours, but really is the wildlife and plant life's, as we are all just visitors that should be leaving a small footprint to protect it for all future generations, like my son's and their grandchildren for years and years. Thank you listening .