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Comments: I was born and raised in Missoula. My husband is from Seeley Lake. We have been enjoying Holland Lake as a family for 32 years, our children spent every summer there swimming, catching frogs, learning about nature and enjoying the quiet peace of the mountains. It recharges my soul to visit this beautiful lake. We own land in Seeley Lake on the Double Arrow Ranch and plan to build our retirement home there soon. Holland Lake is small. One end of the lake, where the boat launch is located, is very shallow and although boaters do enjoy the lake it isn't often "busy" with boaters. It's quiet and peaceful. Paddle boards, kayaks, and canoes are more prevalent than motor boats or jet skis. Due to the size of the lake and the shallowness of one end, it should probably be a no-wake lake. The lake isn't big enough to support the project that this ski company is proposing. The nearby campgrounds are small and quiet. People don't come to Holland lake to party and be wild, they bring their families. Cell service is limited. We go to Holland Lake to escape the craziness of technology and work and the city. At least one pair of Loons lives on this lake, not to mention beavers, deer, Bald Eagles, turtles, and the occasional bear. Montana is NOT the place to bring your big resort that will push animals further away. Montana is the last best place. The LAST best place. Holland Lake cannot sustain the type of tourism that this ski company wants to bring. It will destroy everything that is pure and wild and special about this beautiful place. All these years that Christian has been trying to sell the lodge we have trusted that at least the Forest Service will protect it. There are rules about Forest Service land, surely they will protect it from places that care about money more than the land or the people of Montana. The lodge does need repair and restoration. But we don't need newer and bigger and louder. We don't need enormous concrete parking lots and a new "lodge" that is a hotel. We don't need to cut down the number of trees that will be needed to allow this massive resort to thrive off only the wealthiest tourists who will come from out of state, who care nothing for our land and animals and history. Please save this magical place. Please don't let money and the false premise that these people care about our land cloud your judgement. Thank you!