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Comments: Dear Concerned Person(s),

I do not think it's in the best interest of environment, the infrastructure surrounding the lodge area, the community & the future of the rural area to foster expansion of the Holland Lake Lodge & surrounding area. This long standing & historically quaint lodge has been a retreat, a get away place for people for many years. People enjoy their small town ethos & friendly laid back & casual atmosphere. Expanding this place, to the extent that an EIS is warranted, does not appeal to the residents or to the people who have been going there for decades to enjoy nature, during all seasons of the year. The winter season is just as special as the summer as the large quantity of snowmobiling trails associated with the area. Any expansion on the lake itself causes is a whole different set of concerns as well including the water itself, the wildlife, the fish & fauna, pollution and so much more. I cannot imagine this precious MT gem being added to the huge list of places that have been bought out, closed off to the public & developed for the sake of profits. Please consider the way any large scale development of this place would change the entire region for residents and visitors alike. Most of the surrounding towns are rural, very small. The tourism industry is their primary resource. That resource is the unspoiled nature which surrounds them. I believe the proposed scale of the development in this area would adversely impact all of the surrounding communities negatively, in perpetuity. This is a common theme across our beautiful state. Once this development occurs, especially at such a large scale, it cannot be stopped or even slowed. It is wise to propose an EIS before moving forward with this proposal. I do not expect the perceived benefits of this project to outweigh the severely destructive & negative consequences for the land, the water, the people and the wildlife. If properly done, I expect this EIS will prove just how damaging this sort of large scale development actually is. Profits are not what people are going to see here. At what cost do we put our most precious resource? Money cannot replace the things that make our home great.

Thank you for considering these concerns. I am not able to attend the meeting but would appreciate if it was offered online. I don't see why this meeting cannot be made available for more people to see and understand the situation.