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Comments: My husband and I read with dismay the proposal to build a resort at the unique and beautiful Holland Lake Lodge. As life long intermountain West residents and property owners in both Missoula and Seeley Lake, we cherish being surrounded by the natural beauty and resources of the area. We visit Holland Lake Lodge every summer and recreate on the lake and hiking trails.

Over the past ten years, we have noted the increasing development of Montana recreation for the uber wealthy. Over development at Big Sky that is now covered in McMansions and construction has made that area inaccessible to native Montanans to the point that no one who works there can actually afford to live there. Other upscale developments such as Paws Up have impacted the area around Seeley Lake including the purchase of the two motels in town to be used for employee housing. Thus eliminating tourist options. In addition, we are watching the degradation of Seeley Lake and other areas in the Clearwater watershed because of failing septic systems and run off from lawn fertilizer from lakeside cabins.

Holland Lake's pristine clear waters and spectacular views are really unique. The Lodge itself is historical and fits with the character of the place. It enhances rather than degrades the natural ambiance. Keeping the Lodge and accompanying cabins as is with concrete plans to keep both the lake and the lodge maintained, sustainable, and environmentally responsible is enough.

An expanded, upscale haven for the wealthy is NOT what the area, Montana employees, or future generations need. There are now plenty of options of that type available. Stop the selling out of Montana to wealthy developers and the top 1% by saying NO to this project. We say not only NO but HELL NO to another charmless profit making resort in favor of maintaining a unique and historically significant property like Holland Lake Lodge as it stands.