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Comments: To Whom It May Concern,

Please not my opposition to the plan as currently drafted. This many-fold expansion of a historic property would be out of character with the type of use this site has seen. Increasing the number and density of people on this site would change the character of the whole lake and likely the Upper-Swan Valley area. Greatly increasing the density and use of the lodge site would negatively affect the enjoyment of the area by those not staying at the lodge.

I would also like to see the character of the interior of the existing lodge preserved. My Grandfather, Ed Underwood, finished the interior of the existing lodge. The look and feel of the lodge interior is part and parcel of the historic nature of the lodge. It represents the look and feel of the Swan Valley. Drastically altering the character of the interior of the lodge would destroy its value as a historic and protected building.

I understand the need to update the utilities and infrastructure supporting the lodge to be more environmentally friendly, but building so many new structures, removing so many trees along the lakeshore would negatively affect the use and enjoyment of the lake by everyone else on the lake. Private homes on leased land along the lake must abide by existing rules on preserving trees along the lake. The lodge should do so as well to maintain the character and natural setting people come to Holland Lake to enjoy. It is virtually the only lake where you can still look down the lake and see almost no evidence of structures and human activity. Please ensure we preserve that. Once it is gone in yet another place, it will never return.

I would support replacing existing cabins to return the lodge to historic occupancy levels, but not beyond. I want to see the lodge succeed but changing it into some time of resort like the others POWDR is involved with is totally out of character for the location, the historic use of the property and would diminish the historic value of the property and the lodge itself.

Thank you,

Matthew Cooper