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Comments:

I own a cabin on Holland Lake directly across the lake from the lodge. This cabin has been in my family for 2 generations, after my grandparents built it. I have visited the cabin for nearly 60 years, and I inherited it after the death of my grandparents. The lake has always had a rustic, backwoods feel, in part because of the restrictions on the land leases. Cabins cannot be seen from the water, the trees are protected and maintenance is dictated by the Forest Service. It is in old growth forest, the lake is home to federally endangered bull trout, and Common Loons are nesting annually on the lake. People enjoying quiet swimming, canoeing, kayaking, paddleboarding and fishing on the lake.

The Holland Lake Lodge in its current form is not congruent with the same limitations. It is highly visible from the lake, often creates noise pollution in the evenings when events are held and loud music is played, and it increases boat traffic on the small lake. This is something I have learned to tolerate. However, I am not willing to tolerate additional boat traffic, noise pollution, and light pollution in the interest of the lodge making more money. All of these would alter the nature of Holland Lake, and negatively impact the both enjoyment of my cabin and the habitat and animals who share it.

Holland Lake is too small to be further "developed". If more hotel rooms are needed, they need to be built off the lake, so people to visit nearby lakes. Developing the lodge into a hotel would alter Holland Lake unacceptably. I would not be opposed to updating the current structure as needed, however, I am vehemently opposed to expansion.