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Comments: Turning Holland Lake into a grossly sized resort run by a national corp that has no interest in the local community beyond extracting its resources for profit is a disgusting proposition.

Holland Lake is a peaceful spot that is already accessible enough and a place many local Montanans go to recreate, and many tourists as well. Transforming that into a cookie cutter resort experience will tarnish the natural beauty of the lake and the surrounding communities. We need to fight to keep the restoration of the historic lodge to something that more closely matches its original feel and allow for the people that live in the area continued access to a gem.

If you turn it into what is being proposed, it will become either a giant failure as the surrounding infrastructure and population is not there to support such a massive place, or it will be overrun with tourists who are there for a glamping type experience as they use peoples hometowns as playgrounds. This may bring in more money, but it is more likely to fundamentally alter a place that is already well-visited into a grotesque suburbanized version of itself all so people who don't even live here can get wealthier and the rich can pretend they are enjoying nature.

The Lodge can certainly be upgraded and modernized, but let's not fall into the age-old trap of "progress" being good. What Holland Lake offers current Montanans and tourists is enough and maintaining that should be the priority, not extracting the resource of its natural beauty for profit.

Keep POWDR out of Holland Lake.