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Comments: Holland Lake is one of the last pristine lakes in western Montana offering a unique wilderness experience for visitors over the past century. What makes it so special is the lack of development over the years compared to Seeley, Salmon, Placid, and Flathead lakes nearby. Holland Lake has kept its rustic, historic roots for the enjoyment of all visitors regardless of their economic means.

This accessibility has provided visitors of all ages the ability to see Montana as it looked since the beginning of time.

The historic Holland Lake lodge has been a quiet witness, along with the campgrounds and scattered summer cabins, to the prehistoric beauty that is captured in this glacial lake and surrounding mountains.

It is this natural equilibrium between man and nature that is jeopardized with the proposed expansion project of the lodge. Serious consideration needs to be contemplated as to the natural impact and economic development of the lake. How many more people will access the lake? What will be the noise and light pollution impact be? How will this development impact wildlife? How will this development reduce access for others to enjoy the lake?

I love Holland Lake and have been enjoying it since the early 1990's. The Forest Service has done an excellent job limiting development and keeping the lake pristine despite various pressure over the years. My hope is that Holland Lake continues to offer its visitors glimpses of the natural beauty that has existed uninterrupted since the lodge was first built.