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Comments: To whom it may concern,

Regarding the additions to the Holland Lake Lodge proposed by the Utah Company POWDR:

Please take this comment as my formal objection to the proposed additions to the Holland Lake Lodge around surrounding area.

I have no problem with some upgrades to the actual lodge itself providing it maintains the same rustic character it has always enjoyed. I am from Montana, growing up in the Helena in Missoula areas my entire life, and Holland Lake Lodge and the surrounding area holds a special place in my heart. So much so that I was married there 27 years ago. I have spent many happy times camping, boating, swimming, and hiking near the Lodge, and want my daughter to enjoy the unmolested and non-commercialized rustic charm of the lodge and surrounding area just as I was able to growing up.

Much of western Montana has already been turned into a playground for the wealthy, like Big Sky, Fairmont Hot Springs, and Sleeping Child Hot Springs. Between Covid and the tv show Yellowstone, Montana is now squarely in the sights of many out-of-state people who now want to move here in order to fulfill their childhood cowboy fantasies. This has driven the housing market into a frenzy the last two years, and the proposed expansion of the Holland Lake Lodge will only exacerbate this already untenable situation if allowed to occur.

Further, the environmental impact on this wild and rural area will be devastating. Some things are good just as they are, preserved for future generations to enjoy as a rustic and simple getaway, rather than as a high density, high traffic modern blight on Swan Valley landscape.