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Comments: I'm writing to strongly oppose any expansion of Holland Lake Lodge beyond its existing footprint, which is appropriately minimally invasive, charming, and suits the needs of the small 600 person population of the Swan Valley. The Swan Valley is one of the few remaining places on earth that still includes native fish and wildlife species in their natural habitats, including all the large mammals of the Northern Rockies such as wolves, grizzly and black bears, elk, mountain lions, moose, coyotes, fox, wolverine, bobcat, and Canada lynx.

It's a special place that Forest Service should be seeking to preserve, not let yet another megaresort profit off of Montana's natural resources. Additionally, the infrastructure of the small community simply cannot support such a large resort without significantly impacting the community, already strained with limited housing supply, limited staffing, and increased road and trail traffic. The report describes bringing double digit number of jobs to the area, but there are already professional biologists @ Swan Valley Connections camping longterm or staying in Forest Service cabins, unsure of their longterm ability to serve the community because of lack of housing. The answer is surely not to being more seasonal, low paying jobs to a community without the infrastructure to support the impact.

The Forest Service is also surely aware of the historic burns of the area and much of the valley is in prime condition for megafire. A fully occupied megaresort in a high risk fire zone in a valley accessible by one road in and out, seems like highly irresponsible disaster planning and mitigation.

New construction or rehab within the existing permitted footprints seem entirely reasonable, a massive new building, dining room, and facilities are not what this community and ecosystem want or need and would signify a complete failure on Forest Service's mission to "care for the land and serve the people."