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Comments: Holland Lake Lodge currently charges \$30,000 as a wedding venue, making it one of the most expensive places in the state to host a wedding, and putting it far outside the price range of the vast majority of Montanans. This fee alone is more than the average cost of an entire wedding in the whole country. I can only imagine how exorbitant their fees will become if they are allowed to move forward with this project and update their facilities. Holland Lake and the Lodge itself should be accessible for all people to enjoy, not just wealthy folks from out of state who have unlimited resources. The rich can rent out Paws Up, we shouldn't make facilities on public lands only accessible to them as well. It's a shame that locals can't even consider this as a venue, and it's shameful the forest service is allowing someone whom requires a permit to even operate to charge this much already. If it is on public land, the pricing needs to reflect what the public can afford to pay. Please do not allow this project to move forward or locals won't even be able to afford to stay one night or eat here.