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Comments: I object to said expansion of Holland Lake Lodge. Private out of state ventures utilizing public lands (let alone a prime location) for profit and and more importantly, asset appreciation should be limited to the fullest. The Lodge at Holland has already priced most Montana families out of any historic experience they can offer. Expansion would only increase the number of local hard working Montana families becoming more and more disconnected to Montana historical sites. On our summer vacation this year we wanted to make dinner reservations at The Lodge only to find out they were privately booked the whole week to one family. They were however very eager to sell us a drink after informing us the restaurant was not available to us, which we took as very distasteful. Maintenance and upkeep on existing buildings to preserve historical likeness should be granted. However, having mobile trailer temporary housing units on site (which we saw on the way to make dinner reservations) in no way reflects the great historical chemistry the site offers. Historical sites on public lands should be enjoyed and cherished by all. Expansion with a vision to make said site into a destination spot is for private land, not public land use. There should be no place for a private, for profit company, using PRIME public land to increase their ROI. Preserve public lands for the public. We are a born and raised Montana family that can afford The Lodge at Holland but were informed it wasn't available to our family for something as simple as dinner. Expansion would not offer us a different experience however. It would only allow for larger and larger groups to privately book the whole historical venue as they do now. Please do not let this remaining gem on public land to go completely into exclusivity.