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Comments: To Whom It May Concern,

Our family has enjoyed recreating in and around Holland Lake for many years. It is a place of tranquility and a true hidden Montana Treasure. It is a place where mainstream Montana residence can spend a day relaxing and enjoying one of the most beautiful lakes in our great state. Although the existing Holland Lake Lodge is in need of upgrade, we are concerned about the size and scope of the proposed renovation and expansion. We are concerned about the removal of trees, the impacts to the trail systems including the hike to the falls, and the overall commercialization of the lake. These changes will transform this lake from a Montana Treasure to another resort where investors and out-of-state travelers will be the only ones who benefit. It will add some additional jobs and some money into the local economy but this will come at a heavy expense. In a few years, this lake will be occupied by people with the financial resources to visit and the areas that mainstream Montanans can enjoy will be overrun by tourists forever changing the genuine tranquillity of this treasure. Let's not let this become a Big Sky or Big Fork where access is limited to the few.