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Comments: I am writing to express my strong disagreement with the proposed Holland Lake Lodge Facility Improvement & Expansion #61746 project. I am a resident of Montana whose family owns cherished land in Condon. An expansion of Holland Lake Lodge of this degree would majorly impact the culture of the people who currently reside in the area. Increased tourism with a large hospitality facility such as this would put strain on the existing infrastructure of the community. Additionally, a tourism "boom" would likely attract more businesses and services to the area, as well as people wanting to purchase land, which would drive up the property taxes and land prices, putting strain on current residents and forcing them out of their homes. The numbers of vehicles on the highway would increase, likely many of which are driven by tourists unfamiliar with the difficulties of driving on Montana highways (snow/weather, wildlife, Montana driving culture, etc.), potentially resulting in more accidents. Finally, I have great concern for the environmental impacts of a project this large. I feel that a more thorough environmental study is needed to ensure the health and safety of wildlife, the wilderness, the lake, recreators, and nearby residents. The short time frame between the announcement of this project to the public and the close of the public comment period feels not transparent or in good faith. I urge you to listen to the voices of Montanans and lovers of the wilderness as they comment on the negative impacts that this project will have.