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Comments: My family and I have been visiting the Holland Lake Campground for nearly 30 years. I grew up with this place; it is still one of my favorite spots in the world. The reason Holland Lake is so special is because of its pristine waters, natural landscape, abundant wildlife, minimal development, and the ability to escape large crowds. The lack of noise pollution, limited numbers of people at any given time, and the ability to safely kayak, paddle board, fish, and swim are only a few of the reasons this place is so appealing to so many.

In the last 10 years, demand for the campground and the Lodge have increased; however, this doesn't necessarily mean expansion is the correct answer. Continuing to limit the usage of the lake at any given moment guarantees the preservation of all that I listed above; more than tripling the capacity of the lodge, the number of employees, and significantly increasing motorized water sports will result in polluted waters, eroded shorelines, and forever destroy the reason this lake became so popular in the first place. Cutting down trees in order to develop those additional buildings means the view of the lake and mountains from any angle is forever altered.

A rushed development and approval process is an indication that corners are being cut, public opinion is not valued, and that care for this lake is not truly at the forefront of the current or new owners of the lodge. I can acknowledge that the current buildings are no longer adequate, and minor expansion may be beneficial for business purposes. However, this level of expansion is a tragedy for all who have visited and loved this lake for decades.

Please deny these current plans and request new ones that take into account the thousands of public comments you have already received.