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Comments: Some things are better left unchanged and this area is one such example. It's one thing to make improvements for health, safety and efficiency, but it's completely different to alter the entire character of a place. This project is set to do the latter. My family and I camp at Holland Lake Campground as often as we can in the late spring and summer. It's a magical place because of the quiet serenity and stunning views. Right now, given the limited number of rooms at the lodge, limited camping spots at the campground, and limited parking at the trailhead, it keeps crowds managed and allows those recreating at the lake to find quiet spots and uncrowded trails to enjoy the beauty of nature. This project would fundamentally alter that quiet serenity and turn the lodge from one of those quirky hidden gems to something soulless. We do not need another "upscale experience" that is out of touch and out of reach with how most Montanas want our special places to be managed and accessed. Removing trees just to increase dining capacity and lodging is short-sighted. There is no net benefit from the increased building capacity other than monetary, but there is so, so much that will be lost by allowing this project to go ahead. If any part of the project is approved, it should be scaled down to only allow improvements within the existing structural layout of the lodge and outbuildings and not allow for the fundamental alteration of the character and surrounding environment. Thank you for your consideration.