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Comments: There are only about 200 common loons in Montana, and one of their nesting sites (to which loons show high fidelity) is Holland Lake.

Poisoning of them comes from fishing with lead weights in breeding grounds such as Holland lake.

Chicks being run over comes from increased traffic and development.

I was at Holland lake a couple of months ago and nearly ran over (going only 20 mph) 2 loon chicks at the entrance to that lodge. I felt terrible that the road to the lodge and campgrounds was open to the public with no 'loon crossing' signs and people going very fast paying no attention.

If this development proceeds and brings additional traffic to that road, particularly construction vehicles and workers who rarely have any regard for the natural world, the loons that rely on Holland lake will die out.

How this can be acceptable, particularly on Forest Service land, shows that the people's representatives in the USFS are representing out-of-state corporations, not the interests of Montanans, Americans, or American soil's biodiversity, which has proven it's value in science and medicine for a hundred years.

This project must be declined and this property must be preserved going forwards. I am sure there are some wealthy individuals who would be willing to preserve this space by purchasing the lease indefinitely.

I might know a few of them, please feel free to contact me USFS if you wish to be given the necessary tools to do the right thing here.