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Comments: I am writing to object this proposal to expand the Holland Lake Lodge by selling to a corporation.

I worked in the Bob Marshall Wilderness and have recreated in the Seeley Swan valley for a decade. The beautiful thing about the valley is how undeveloped it is. This provides not only an escape from civilization for humans, but adequate space and respect for wildlife and habitat.

As indicated in the report, this expansion would TRIPLE the current traffic at the lake. We must consider the effects on wildlife as well as Holland Lake's integrity as a place of solitude. More people on the lake means less space for current and future Loon nests. Sound carries across these lakes easily, and Holland will become a loud place with triple the traffic. More traffic on the road means habitat and migration fragmentation for wildlife. And for what? So that the elites of this country can come have a five star place to stay? No thank you. Not worth the risks.

We have seen this before in Montana. A corporation comes in with the sole profit motivated intent to make money at the expense of the wild places here. Corporations only care about their bottom line, and will try to fool locals into caring more about "jobs" than the integrity of the valley. We cannot stand idly by while Holland Lake slowly goes the route of Niagara Falls.

I urge the US Forest Service to object to this project. Thank you.