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Comments: I am writing to voice my opposition to the development of the Holland Lake area. It is important to keep this land, and other similar lands, in the hands of the pubic and not allow them to be developed by out of state interests who will in turn block Montanans from the free use and enjoyment of Holland Lake and surrounding recreation area. As stated in the 2017 Holland Lake Acquisition partnership, "This area provides connectivity from the Swan to the Mission Mountains and offers vital habitat for species protected by the Endangered Species Act. This area supports populations of federally threatened bull trout, grizzly bear, and Canada Lynx, as well as gray wolves, elk, moose, deer, mountain lions and wolverines." To allow it to be developed would be a travesty. PLEASE do not allow out of state interests to take precedence over our wildlife and the public's access to this crown jewel of Montana.