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Comments: When I moved to Northwest Montana 7 years ago, it was a place I knew I could be proud of. The communities and politicians stood up for local businesses and the local environment. I remember I took a trip to Mammoth and so many of the lakes were over crowded with paved roads driving up to them, parking lots at all, overcrowded with people. I thought, "dang, I'm glad Montana isn't like this." Now that I'm in Idaho, I hear stories of the troubles my friends in Montana go through. People who have been there for years and years. Housing becoming unaffordable, city councils choosing chain restaurants such as Starbucks instead of a local business. All the cute, local centric towns being sold out to corporations, quickly losing their charm as small towns and turning into tourist traps. When I see what's about to happen at Holland Lake, I see the same thing. Why turn a beautiful wild lake into a wealthy resort? Why turn a locals hide away into a place they A. Can't afford to stay and B. Won't want to visit? The parts of Montana that make it great are it's wildness, it's untrampledness, the ease in which one can find solitude. Leave the resorts to the National Parks and to places already spoiled by corporate greed. Leave Montana alone.