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Comments: Having lived in Montana for the past 11 years, I have become quite the outdoor enthusiast. I am exploring as many crooks and nannies in this great state that I can. Holland lake is one of those beloved areas to me. The last time I was up there was towards the end of July. The parking lot at the falls trailhead was packed full. The side of the road was so crammed I could barely squeeze through to even see the trailhead. It's no secret that this place is important to many people, Montanans and visitors alike.

I am a public land owner. Allowing POWDR to expand the Holland Lake Lodge, ESPECIALLY without the necessary environmental impacts report, would be stealing from Montana residents who love to live and recreate in this beautiful area.

An area of concern for me is the proposed cutting of 200 trees to clear space for buildings. Now, 200 may seem like a small number in the grand scheme of a forest. Rising temperatures of one or two degrees may also seem like a small number. The important thing to focus on is the trend. This July of 2022 was the third-hottest year on record for the US since NOAA has been keeping track. If anything, we should be planting MORE trees, not cutting them down for buildings.

Privatizing and expanding the lodge is a disrespect to the area, to Montanans, and to tourists alike. It would be favoring revenue, particularly out-of-state revenue, over the values Montanans hold near: conservation of beauty and land. Don't even get me started on how this is a disservice to the tribes the land was stolen from to build a lodge in the first place.

All of this is to ask the forest service to deny the expansion of the Holland Lake Lodge, especially without true consideration of environmental impact.