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Comments: I oppose the expansion of Holland Lake Lodge. I oppose this development because it's in an area that is adjacent to wilderness that is home to several species including a dense population of grizzly bears. We are constantly seeing bears causing scenes in town that is only out of simple survival and curiosity. We do not want to create the possible for more bear conflicts and we want to protect this species along with many others like the lynx. This development would also impede on the surrounding wilderness corridor by exploiting it with more visitors and human disturbances. We do not want to be Europe or Colorado where the abundant wildlife has ceased to exist or become dismal.

I believe we need to keep the wonders of Montana and our wilderness and wildlife is a huge part of that. Also, I think people love going to Holland Lake lodge for its quaintness and the pure Montana atmosphere. Letting an outsider company expand the lodge will only make it a resort that will cause the area to lose its personality and wonder while making it more difficult for locals to enjoy the area.

Please do an environmental/ecological assessment before making the decision and being the Forest Service choose what is best for our surrounding environment to keep it as pristine as possible, there is only so much land like Montana has left.