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Comments: My family was one of the two original families that developed what is known as Kootenai Lodge on Swan Lake in the early 1900s. Several generations of us have grown up recreating and enjoying the stunning beauty of the Swan Valley, with Holland Lake as the crown jewel. I understand that time marches on, and that people are moving to Montana. However, this proposed plan is a huge leap towards harmful high density growth and is contrary to every aspect of the Forest Service's historic stewardship to date. This will certainly have a negative impact on the surrounding forest and the lake with the higher amount of traffic and volume of people. Through the higher prices and costs that always follow with a such a massive investment, the area will quickly lock out the ability of ordinary Montanans and out of state guests to come to the lake and surrounding forests, and quietly appreciate one of MT's lesser visited places. Additionally, it would be impossible for the developers to convince anybody who has spent time there, that such a massive project would not completely disrupt the delicate ecosystem that exists along the lake shore for at least a generation. The US Forest Service should categorically reject this plan and any variation or concession on the part of the developer that does little more than make minor or illusory changes to ameliorate an outraged public. The Service should request that the developers significantly scale back their ambitions as to density and use and come back to the table with something that will protect the lake and surrounding ecosystem.