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Comments: Holland Lake is a fishery that is healthier than all the other lakes in the Swan drainage. It is essential habitat for Bull Trout, a listed species, cutthroat trout, a species of concern, and a healthy salmon population that spawn in the east end of the lake where numerous springs provide a source of clean water to flush out the sand and gravel bottom from silt that flows in each year from high above. The additional development would require more water and expanded sewer capacity. This could dry up the springs in that end of the lake and destroy the spawning area. An expansive study of the hydrologic ground water system has never been done. This needs to be completed before the expansion is approved. Approving the proposed expansion, with a categorical exclusion, that states "no effect" on endangered species will not stand up in federal court at this point.