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Comments: Dear Flathead Forest Service,

I was born and raised in Missoula County and have visited Holland Lake my entire life. My childhood portrait taken there hangs on my parents' wall.

I now go there with my children and am thankful it looks as pristine and as peaceful as I remember it. I hope my grandchildren will be able to enjoy its natural and wild beauty someday.

The lodge and cabins are historic and charming, and what one hopes for on an untouched mountain lake. Please protect them, the trees and wild land around them.

When I was young, we were very welcome at Holland Lake Lodge as campers. We could use the coin washer and dryer and we would have coffee and wander the grounds. It has changed since then, with Private signs posted everywhere, and being asked to leave, even when docking with a canoe and sitting on the shoreline. I was hoping someone would buy it to return it to what it was or maintain it as is.

This is my worst nightmare. I haven't been able to sleep the past week. I keep thinking of the 1000s more people visiting each summer and posting to their social media accounts advertising to 10,000s more. The growth will be exponential. This is such a fragile, small lake, unable to handle the population Powdr (out-of-state developer) intends to bring.

I feel sick to my stomach, as do all the other people whose comments I've read on the USFS Holland Page. I will attend the public meeting in Seeley Lake.

Please read the 4,000 comments and counting AGAINST this project. I have read hundreds of them, and not one was supportive of this project.

This place is too special to lose. This development will only benefit the new owners. I can't see the benefit to anyone else. The wildlife and environment will suffer. The public's experience will suffer. It will be harmful to the fragile ecosystem. The hiking trails, boat launch and campgrounds will be overrun.

This is not private land. This is public land, and the public does not want this.

No Montanan wants this. Holland's wildlife and neighbors do not want this.

Please help. Thank you for your time.

Lara