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Comments: To whom it may concern:

It was my privilege to be General Manager w/ my wife from 1993-1994. We also got married at the lodge on a beautiful fall day. That being said, my feelings for the lodge are very personal.

Besides my personal attachment to the lodge, we ran a business. Forest Service regulations at that time required the lodge to be open 365 days a year, with no restrictions allowed on outside guests. This made for some difficult operational aspects, but continued to allow the general public the opportunity to enjoy the pristine nature of the area. Since then, the Forest Service has continued to relax these regulations.

The National Forest Service, along with our public lands was given the responsibility to manage our public areas for the people. This Public Trust has been eroded to the point we're at now. I am not anti-development, but the entire ecosystem of Holland Lake and the gateway to the Bob Marshall Wilderness are at stake. Once given away, it will be forever gone. There is a multitude of "playgrounds" for people willing to spend their money. Please do not believe the "buzzwords" of this developer. There are plenty of examples that prove otherwise. The future degradation of Holland Lake should not be one of them. Just because we CAN build it, does not mean we SHOULD build it. Please stop this insanity and use some common sense, for the good of the people.