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Comments: I visited Holland Lake this summer and it is a pristine jewel. POWDR would like to expand to more than triple the current availability. The project plans for a 28-room, two-story, 13,000-square-foot lodge; 10 lake cabins pegged at 650 square feet each; 16 smaller studio cabins at 250 square feet each; a new 2,000-square-foot welcome center; a 3,000-square-foot restaurant; a small watersport building; and new support buildings, including a 2,000-square-foot maintenance building and a 2,000-square-foot building for employee housing. All of this on the 15 acre parcel is far too much development for the area to support. The size of the project will degrade the quality of the lake, its environs and the surrounding community.

Holland Lake is unique in its accessibility and relative lack of development. The historic and intimate nature of this site is part what makes it unique. This project will have a huge negative impact on the nearby communities and the entire Swan Valley because of increased traffic and the accompanying necessary infra-structure. The large numbers of people anticipated from the project will degrade the environmental quality of this small lake. At the very least, a formal impact study should take place and the size of the project scaled down to mitigate negative effects.

There are plenty of large resort opportunities in the Swan Valley with modern comforts and conveniences. There are many people who want to get away from these conveniences and Holland Lake Lodge provides this more rustic experience. Improvements and updates can be made without destroying the special nature of Holland Lake. There are very few rustic lake resorts still in existence and Holland Lake Lodge should be preserved as the special place it is.