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Comments: The proposed plans for Holland Lake Lodge will degrade the whole of Holland Lake. For many families such as mine, Holland Lake and the current rustic lodge have been part of our experiences for generations. Swimming, paddling, hiking, and family weddings have all occurred at Holland Lake. The current lodge has been affordable for Montana families to host gatherings and integrates well with the overall rustic and wild feel of the area. The proposed development will create an expensive, intrusive, and generic tourist facility that will affect the whole lake and area in negative ways. Increased volumes of motorized boats and recreational vehicles will undermine the current wildlife/human interface that respects the presence of waterfowl, amphibious life, birds, and animals that make the lake area their home. Rather than offering a valued gathering spot for regular Montanans, as well as all variety of people from other places, the new development proposal follows the big money values currently transforming large areas of Montana into playgrounds for the wealthy. Due to the negative impacts on wildlife, the overall ambiance of Holland Lake, and the inability of regular Montanans to benefit from the proposed development, I strongly object to approval for the proposed development.