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Comments: Holland Lake is a place that means a lot to me. Never before in my life have I experienced a place so peaceful, surreal, and wild. Where else in Montana can you find crystal clear water, a perfect view of the stars, and a gorgeous hike that leads to a waterfall? Holland lake has become my happy place, where my partner and I have made so many memories, and where I feel one with nature. It is a perfect slice of Montana, one of the few remaining locations that hasn't become overpopulated and gentrified. It is true and pure. I think everyone should be able to experience this incredible place, but if Holland Lake and its lodge were to become inaccessible to the general public, I would be devastated. Holland Lake is a place for everyone, certainly not just the rich and privileged. I understand that the Lodge may need maintenance or remodeling, but expanding the guest capacity seems completely unnecessary. The charm that's drawing a horrifying number of people to Montana is that we have small towns, lots of land, and the nature that we treasure. Shouldn't we be true to our essence by keeping the lodge small? By adding a larger capacity for guests, wouldn't Holland Lake become like all of the other places in Montana where the local population is drowned out by skyrocketing prices in real-estate? By expanding, I can only see Holland Lake becoming more and more inaccessible to those who want to experience its glory. Please keep Holland Lake wild and accessible for everyone.