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Comments: Holland Lake is one of the gems of the Seeley Lake chain, and it has always been one of my favorite lakes in Montana. I, like many other local Montanans, have fond memories going there with my family. The fact that the Forest Service is considering allowing an out of state company to come and create a huge development that will change the natural landscape and increase foot traffic is truly disappointing. And the lack of communication with the public for this decision that will affect public lands is appalling. This land is public land, and should not be viewed as a raw resource for some random people from Utah to plunder. There is already a lodge at Holland Lake for people who desire a more "upscale" visit to Holland Lake. Increasing the capacity of the lodge will undoubtedly lead to increased human impact and vehicle traffic, which will have adverse environmental impacts as well as ruining the serene beauty of Holland Lake. The proposed changes are not simply a remodel, they are proposing massive building projects that will completely change the area and cause massive stress for native plants and animals. And everyone knows that this lodge is not being built to serve the local people who love and appreciate Holland Lake for its rugged beauty, it's being built for wealthy out of staters. I don't have a problem with people visiting Montana, but I do not trust out of state companies like POWDR to take care of the land they want to develop. Despite their claims of wanting to create a "soulful space" that "reflects the community".

I know that this process isn't a vote, the lodge will most likely end up being built, and I am going to spend the rest of my life watching the places I love get developed by those who view nature as their piggy bank.

But you have the opportunity to say no. Any benefits that come from an expansion of the Holland Lake Lodge will be solely for the people making money off of it. The Forest Service motto is "Caring for the land and serving the people". I really don't see how allowing an out of state company to destroy public land for their own financial gain upholds that motto.