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Comments: I'm writing as a Montanan born and raised. I grew up visiting Holland Lake Lodge every summer, and now I camp in the campground there every summer as an adult with my children. It is near and dear to my heart. I am deeply saddened to read about the projected plans for the lodge and surrounding area. Part of the beauty of Holland Lake, is the peace and tranquility that comes with a visit there. These new plans just seem like an effort to exploit Montana's beauty for profit. I don't know a single Montanan who supports these changes. How do these plans in any way help protect our public lands? By inundating the landscape with extra people, scaring away the wildlife, such as the loons on the lake? We have seen what has happened in areas like Whitefish and Big Sky/Bozeman. It's no longer affordable for Montanans to recreate in our own backyards. While I understand tourism is important for Montana, it shouldn't come at the expense of nature. I am all for upgrades for the lodgemaking it more energy efficient... etc. However, there is no reason to expand it and turn our wilderness area into a resort. That completely defeats the beauty and point of visiting Holland Lake in the first place.