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Comments: Hello, I would like to express my opposition to the proposed expansion of the Holland Lake Lodge. As a career I have specialized in the adaptive reuse and redevelopment of historic buildings and sites in Montana. Compromises are often made to have the ability to preserve historic buildings and areas; that is not the case with Holland Lake Lodge. The lodge, seemingly, has functioned well for many years in its current capacity and is beloved by many. There appears to be no reason for its expansion other than to increase the profits for the owners. If approved, Holland Lake Lodge will become yet another resort that caters to tourists, who have financial means, while shutting out the locals who have supported and loved this property for many years. That trend seems inevitable in so many areas of the West, but has no place on public land. Additionally, it is hard for me to imagine that there is adequate infrastructure available to support a project of this size. It is commonly known that Missoula County has the most restrictive septic requirements in the state. It is also well known that the Holland Lake Lodge has been operating well over capacity on their septic system. In considering this proposal, I ask that you keep in mind the original intent of this property as well as the potential harm to the environment that this proposed expansion will certainly have. Thank you.