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Comments: We recently enjoyed 3 nights camping in the Bay Campground walk-in sights and begged the Holland Lake Lodge owner to serve our group of 10 to an outstanding (but expensive) dinner. The setting for the dinner could not have been any nicer and as mentioned above the dinner was outstanding. What was odd about the evening though was the waiter's (lodge owner) presentation of why this expansion of Holland Lake Lodge was not only a positive endeavor but a necessity to keep the Lodge open. His claim of the Lodge and surrounding cabins needing repair and his inability to finance such repairs led me to thinking what business doesn't face such issues. He claimed the cabins were over run with rodents, the lodge itself lacked a foundation. The rooms above the lodge needed insulation, and the lack of bathrooms didn't sit well with customers. My thoughts were do something about it rather than selling the buildings to Powder Co. out of Park City Utah and allowing them to refurbish (destroy) this historic MONTANA site. He, the owner, insured us the impact on the site would be minimal, and all Montanan's would be able to enjoy the new development. I smelled a rat. Having lived in Montana all my life his presentation brought back memories of skiing with my family at Big Sky years ago when my kids skied free and you received a days pass discount if you showed an ID that verified you were a Montanan. Look at what has happened at Big Sky, the average Montanan can't afford Big Sky, so when the owner of Holland Lake lodge says the improvements would be for everyone I say BS. It would become another Big Sky or Paws Up, a place for the Wealthier to enjoy Montana. As a Montanan and a US citizen I am against this development. If the current owner isn't willing to invest in upgrading the Lodge and Cabins as is then sell it to someone who will make repairs to the current structures as is, with minimal impact on Holland Lake.