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Comments: The proposed changes at Holland Lake Lodge would dramatically affect the character of the Swan Valley, changing it from a place where local Montanans recreate in an affordable and environmentally-integrated way into an exclusive area where only wealthy out-of-staters can go to enjoy the outdoors in a highly mediated experience of "wilderness." Even more importantly, to accomplish this transformation the developers would put at risk the environmental integrity of three species protected by the Endangered Species Act, and create a highly trafficked and polluted area immediately adjacent to the Bob Marshall Wilderness. A full analysis of environmental impact needs to be completed without the protective buffer of a Categorical Exclusion. If a proper EIS is done, it will demonstrate the immense value of limiting development at the historic Holland Lake Lodge, and keeping that area as a place where everyone-Montanans, visitors, and the local wildlife-can continue to flourish side by side.