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Comments: As someone who was born just a couple miles from Holland Lake Lodge on Pine Ridge Road, I grew up getting to experience firsthand the quiet beauty and delicate ecosystem of the Swan. Holland Lake Lodge has long been a sleepy resort that has allowed the area to maintain its charm and safety for the animals that live around it. Over the last several years as tourism and Montana's population have increased so has recreation at Holland Lake and the surrounding area, particularly its trail systems. I remember a hike to Holland falls in 2020 with the trail so jammed with people it felt more crowded than the Boardwalk at Trail of the Cedars in Glacier. This was such a vast difference from how it used to be hiking to the falls in my childhood. By allowing a developer to significantly expand Holland Lake Lodge, this incredible area will become overused and damaged. This is an area that is currently at its limit on the amount of human traffic that it can handle without damaging local ecosystems. Don't turn Holland into another tourist playground for the wealthy. This publicly owned land needs to kept at the same requirements for use that are currently in place. Please protect Holland Lake and its surrounding areas but not allowing this development to proceed.