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Comments: Each spring when the wildflowers are out and each fall when the larch turn golden, we take a trip to the Seeley Swan area and hike. We always include Holland Lake Falls, perhaps venturing a bit farther to touch the Bob Marshall wilderness. Rarely do we see more than a handful of people. And this is as it should be as we enter the wilderness and areas that abut it in a buffer zone for wildlife and those wanting to get away from the crowds.

Holland lake is an entrance into the "Bob," a place many hold sacred. As such, I do not want to see more development. I agree the old lodge and cabins need fixing up, but please keep it rustic to fit the people and surrounding of this area. I do not want to see a luxury resort that only a few can afford. Right now, the lodge is out of reach for many already, running \$300 for a room and \$380 for a cabin. A luxury resort would put public land facilities even further away from most Montanans.

Perhaps the bigger issue than overcrowding and overpricing is the effect on the land and animals. More people means bigger roads, more noise, more traffic, more garbage, more smog, more lake pollution, etc. All this has an effect on the environment and on the animals.

Please keep Holland Lake Lodge historic and rustic. Go ahead and do some repairs and updating, but please do not sell out to a luxury resort and line the pockets of the current owners. I am sure the current owners could get a good price just the way it is.

Thanks for listening and studying the issues. This is a big decision with, I'm sure, lots of pressure. Please do the right thing for nature and Montana.

Thanks again.