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Comments: Forest Service Staff and Stewards,

The plans I have read about in the Missoulian for the Holland Lake Lodge Facility fill me with sadness. The Lodge is a still-lovely and well-used place that serves as a reminder that not everything needs to be bigger, newer, better, more expensive. Locals and visitors alike can find peace and beauty - and a good meal - there - without a lot of modern bells and whistles.

It's true that the planned expansion would bring more people to enjoy the area - but it would also change the area in the process. I am not opposed to change of any sort - or even growth - but as a Montanan (and an American, frankly), it feels like growth and development are an endless onslaught - with less and less thought to preservation and simplicity.

Sometimes a smaller and more modest footprint/facility is the best way for humans to enjoy a place. Sometimes a place is "enough" just the way it is. Holland Lake Lodge is one of those places. Please say no to yet another money-making venture that promises to fill some hole in people's lives by bringing them "closer to nature".