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Comments: To whom it may concern,

Holland lake has historically been a place of refuge, peace, exploration, and solitude for many Montanans. The lake is home to clean fresh water, dozens of species of fish, turtles, mammals, and other wildlife. The plan proposed to develop the holland lake lodge will be detrimental to not only the experience of the lake, but the wildlife and ecosystem in which it resides. By developing lake shore and adding new buildings and facilities, the healthy ecosystem and peaceful experience are in jeopardy. This development will pose the risk of polluting the water, land, result in deforestation and habitat loss, and it will completely erase the pristine environment of holland lake that so many know and love. This deforestation will be taking place directly on top of the habitat of loons, an at risk species of bird that are critical to their environments. This is obviously an issue as species preservation is very relevant and important topic in Montana. The experience of holland lake will be completely altered as well, and quite frankly the area simply does not have the capacity to handle heavy use and tourism. This lodge will greatly affect the ways in which people and wildlife exist in the area, and if the forest service has any understanding of the harmful effects of commercial development, they should say no to the commercialization and development of the holland lake lodge and surrounding area. Thank you for your time.