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Comments: Holland Lake and Holland Lake Lodge represent the magic of Montana - just the way they are. We CANNOT permit such a massive, impactful change to the visual landscape, the ecosystem, the wildlife, and the public access with such a grand expansion of the current building sites and respective increase in visitation. Historic Holland Lake Lodge is a place I have kayaked past, stared at lovingly from various vantage points, and driven past with nostalgia harkening back to a restful, peaceful day of sitting on the lawn of the serene lakeshore, beside a friend, enjoying the solitude of silence with an occasional bird call or lapping water and the conifers rustling in the breeze (Memorial Day weekend, 2009). It's a place I've driven past to hike or backpack in the Bob Marshall Wilderness, easily finding a parking place at the trailhead within the past decade. That trailhead is much, much busier now, as is the campground at Holland Lake, given the frequency and number of visitors in the Seeley-Swan corridor these days. Our public space really can't handle more publicity, which will inevitably lead to an even greater increase of visitors to the lake and our trails in the national forest and designated wilderness who are not knowledgeable or mindful of our Leave No Trace, Bear Aware, wildlife-first culture and practices. Furthermore, the Holland Lake shoreline is a camper's paradise and to have it forever-changed by a big development would be devastating and dreadful to those of us who love paradise just the way it is - without fancy resorts. Maybe just build your resort somewhere else - anywhere else that's not pristine wilderness in the heart of a grizzly corridor.