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Comments: My family has been enjoying the Holland Lake Campground for 15 years. Over the years we have seen such a dramatic increase in use of the campground, the trail to Holland Falls and HOLLAND LAKE LODGE. Last year I sent comments to the Forest Service about the wear and tear evidenced in the campground and the lake. The whole area is being loved to death and adding any more footprint to the resort will hasten the demise of the whole area. I was appalled to hear the owner of the Lodge state he wants to ensure that the lodge will remain available to Montanans when currently only 20% of his customers are Montana residents. We stayed there last year for three days and our bill was \$4000 and reflected double charges for some items. This is not a business that carers to Montana people and I seriously doubt that any future owner would decrease prices or be prioritizing service for the average person. Increasing the amount of people and all the services related to increased population will impact the wildlife in the area...we all love to hear the Loons, watch the ducks and geese, share the area with deer and their fawns, and tremble when we see the bears roaming thru the campground. The Forest Service road leading to the lodge is barely passable many times during the season...major improvements will have to be done for it to accommodate the increase in traffic. The area is prized for tranquility and silence. In recent years it has been annoying to many, that jet skis and ski boats have disturbed that silence..my question to the proposed 'water sports area' would be...what types of equipment would be permitted? Hopefully, nothing with a gasoline motor.

I would gladly support a plan that allows the Lodge to modernize their buildings and make some other minor changes in expansion. The current plan is much too broad. Once the area is changed it can never return to its original state. I am very glad that the proposal was to keep the business open to the public.