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Comments: I have gone camping with my family at Holland Lake every summer since I can remember and there is a natural beauty to it that is unique to the Seeley-Swan valley and Montana. Already, some of the growth it has experienced in the last 20 years has taken away some of the ambiance although it still retains most. It has a very unique feature that I have yet to find elsewhere in the state or even other lakes out of state. Because of the shape of the lake and the flow of water through it, on the southwest shoreline, the pine needles will roll into a tight ball. The closest I have ever seen anything come to this is a surf ball at the ocean which still are not super common. It was always fun to try to find them growing up and these 'porcupine eggs' as my family called these needle balls have always been a secret that even most Holland Lake regulars do not know about. They have become smaller and more infrequent with more boat activity on the lake but they are still there. I'm terrified that either more traffic and commercialization here, one of the most beautiful lakes in the valley and one of nature's unique and rare wonders will disappear forever. I'm ok if people remodel the historical lodge and I'm ok if the campgrounds undergo another clean out/update even though it hurts. I am not ok with the commercialization and heavy traffic and development that I hear may be happening. Holland Lake is historical, beautiful, and if anything feel like it should be a state park or protected area because of its beauty and shoreline needle balls. Please, for the sake of maintaining state beauty and natural phenomenon, don't let condos, apartments, etc., be built on the lake. If people want to see the lake, they will travel like they always have. The infrastructure and economy in the town of Seeley or Condon is where the development and support should go.