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Comments: To the US Forest Service:

My wife Victoria and I would like to express our concerns about the proposed significant development with the Holland Lake Lodge in the Swan Valley. The Seeley/Swan complex is one of the most beautiful areas of the United States complete with unspoiled wilderness, home to endangered species, and most importantly, a place to enjoy the quiet serenity and beauty of a Montana valley and lake which is unlike any other in the United States. Montana's unspoiled beauty is what makes it the Last Best Place. The commercialization of every last corner of Montana will forever destroy what makes this place so sacred to so many from not only Montana but for hundreds of thousands from across the United States and frankly, the World who make pilgrimages to this amazing part of the world. I speak as a native Montanan who has visited this area every year for the past 55 years, and have enjoyed its natural beauty and the quiet which makes it a haven for both people and wildlife. In addition, this area serves as a wonderful place for research and student engagement among Montana's many higher education organizations. Please do not begin what we fear will be the beginning of a chain of events which will eventually turn this part of Montana into yet another commercialized, overcrowded, and exclusive mountain community. There is too much to be lost and so much to be gained by preserving it.

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