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Comments: I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed development/expansion of the Holland Lake Lodge. As a Montana resident since 1996, I have been fortunate to call this "last best place" my home. I have camped and canoed at Holland Lake on numerous occasions over the years and have always found a serenity and peace there, which to me, truly defines the Montana experience. Understandably, after hearing about this proposed "development" I became concerned. One of the very unique attributes of this area is the opportunity to hear the haunting call of a loon. I don't claim to be a biologist, however I do know that loons are very uncommon and that they are prone to abandoning their nests if they feel pressured or disturbed. The "development" of the Holland Lake lodge would have a disruptive impact on these special birds. Further, the expansion will certainly increase the overall impact to the area in terms of physical footprint, wastewater concerns and vehicle traffic, all of which are contrary to the intent of having an immersive Montana experience. It is evident that the non-resident interests pushing this proposed expansion do not espouse the values of Montanans and we all stand to lose something should the development move forward.