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Comments: As an 18-year-old while working at Seeley Lake Ranger Station I first visited Holland Lake and the lodge. For me it was a spiritual event that forever cemented my connection to Montana! Eventually, I moved from the East Coast to Missoula where I taught school and smokejumped for 11 years during the summers. My wife and I met in Montana and lived there for 30+ years. All three of my children were born and raised in Montana. Between us, we have 4 degrees from the University of Montana and 1 from Montana State University. My wife and I now live by my son in Utah and my two daughters live in Los Angeles.

When my children think of home (Montana) the first thing they think about is Holland Lake and the Holland Lake Lodge! In fact, this past week my youngest was talking about a family reunion at Holland Lake Lodge. It is an incredibly valuable, iconic place!! Holland Lake is not a large lake and, I believe, has preserved its character overtime because it is not overwhelmed by people. I worry that allowing this proposal may alter the environment for the worse forever! Moreover, and make no mistake about this, to "resort it up" for private profit (for an out-of-state entity, no less) would forever taint the true spirit of the place and the way it is viewed by the vast majority of Montanans!

This is a terrible proposal!!!! On behalf of our family, I object to it in the most strenuous way possible!!!