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Comments: I am opposed to the "expansion" of the Holland Lake Lodge. I live in Helena with my husband and 5 children. We are all active participants in the community. My husband and I are transplants to this beautiful state, myself from Wisconsin just a short 12 years ago and my husband from Illinois over 20yrs ago. My husband and I run a business together and are aware of pros/cons of expansion. Holland Lake has been a very fond memory throughout the years to not only myself, but to my family and friends.

When hearing about this proposal and acknowledging the obvious side effects there have been multiple feelings. What I continue to land on is the struggle between selling your soul for top dollar to allure "new" "fresh" "effortless" "expansion" "development" "tourism" with "relationship" "listening" "work" "sacrifice" "uncomfortable" "caring". What I have witnessed with this level of expansion is that the locals, locals to Swan Valley and locals in the state, are overlooked in the process of business and there is not a lot of effort toward compromise or listening or attempting to follow the law that was put in place to prevent this level of growth.

Majority of employment recruited is sourced outside of surrounding areas to counteract wages and sells that as an experience or opportunity. In return it bypasses any investment in relationship or utilizes immediate resources. It would be a sad thing to witness a lack of preservation or zero footprint mentality. Locally, only a certain demographic will be able to afford their expanded "backyard". Holland Lake is a beautiful lake that EVERYONE can enjoy. Do they all take the time to enjoy, no, but the opportunity hasn't been taken away from them.