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I have great memories of camping at Holland Lake as a young lad with our family. It is spectacular in its beauty and charm and is in the epicenter of the great Swan Valley. I have taken our kids there to swim, hike and skip rocks at the lakeshore on quiet evenings. I saw my first smokejumpers amble down the trail after several days of taking care of a small fire on an open mountainside. The seed was planted and I too became a smokejumper so many years later. I hope to take my grandchildren to Holland lake and enjoy the beauty and peace I enjoyed as a kid as well. I have looked at the proposed expansion ("enhancement") of the lodge property and was shocked by the size and overall assault it would impose on this unique setting.