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Comments: I am writing to voice my concerns with the proposed expansion at the Holland Lake Lodge.

Holland Lake is currently one of the few remaining gems in the Seeley/Swan valley that aren't already mostly inaccessible to the public (because of private land holdings or lack of public access sites) or are overrun. Holland Lake has its current charm and appeal because of its lack of motorized boats, large, commercial or private imposing properties, and pristine location bordering the Bob Marshall Wilderness. This proposed expansion by a PRIVATE company on PUBLIC land will completely alter the face of Holland Lake forever.

My family has been coming to Holland Lake since I was a child in the 80s. Waking up to the call of the Loon brings back fond memories and is already something that is well known to be threatened. This expansion and additional human traffic (by outside tourists) is sure to impact the already limited nesting sites on Holland Lake for the Common Loon and may be the final straw in their already limited summer homes/nesting grounds.

Additionally, this expansion is NOT in line with the character of the lake (small, pristine, quiet, and close to nature). This expansion would only serve to commercialize one of the last remaining treasures that Montana has and would do nothing more than 'put it on the map' like Whitefish or Big Sky. Montana does not need any outside "lifestyle" firm changing the face of the Seeley-Swan Valley and the Forest Service must reject this proposal for something more in line with the current nature of Holland Lake.

Thank you for your consideration in rejecting this proposal.