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Dear Flathead Forest Service,

I was born and raised in Missoula County and have visited Holland Lake my entire life. My childhood portrait taken there hangs on my parents' wall.

I now go there with my children and am thankful it looks as pristine and as peaceful as I remember it. I hope my grandchildren will be able to enjoy its natural and wild beauty someday.

The lodge and cabins are historic and charming, and what one hopes for on an untouched mountain lake. Please protect them, the trees and wild land around them.

Think of the 1000s more people visiting each summer and posting to their social media accounts advertising to 10,000s more. The growth will be exponential. This is such a fragile, small lake, unable to handle the population this expansion will bring.

Think of the campers in Bay Loop, trying to set up a quiet campsite, with 25 employees, a dormitory, a parking lot and multiple RVs just feet away from those 3 sites on the end.

We tent camp and hear every noise and see every light. Each summer at Holland we know Saturday night will be rowdy due to the weekly weddings. Now this will be a daily, noise- and light-filled experience with triple the number of guests.

Please stop this unnecessary expansion. This is akin to coming into Glacier National Park and adding a huge hotel, 26 cabins and employee housing right next to Swiftcreek Campground at Many Glacier. How is the happening?

Please read the roughly 6000 comments AGAINST this project (almost 100%).

This place is too special to lose. This development will only benefit the new owners. I can't see the benefit to anyone else. The wildlife and environment will suffer. The public's experience will suffer. It will be harmful to the fragile ecosystem. The hiking trails, boat launch and campgrounds will be overrun.

This is not private land. This is public land, and the public does not want this.

No Montanan wants this. No out-of-state visitor who comes to get away from developed places wants this. Holland's wildlife and natural resources do not want this.

Please help. Thank you for your time.

Lara Hammond