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Comments: I have visited Holland Lake since 1959, sometimes for dinners, a few times to stay over, and often just to hike the area. What an extraordinary place! While I have no problem with upgrading existing structures, now living 40 miles from Whitefish, MT, and having lived but 15 miles from Park City, UT, I am convinced that the evidence is clear: Once excessive development takes place, the pristine nature of the location is lost forever. I am stunned that it seems like we even need to argue for the National Forest Service to support the most stringent environmental standards and impact studies for an area bordering the Bob and the home for Grizzly Bears, Bull Trout, Wolverines and Lynx. POWDR's statement that they would put up interpretive signs re the Grizzly Bears would be laughable as a response to their impacting them in this corridor, were it not so outrageously hostile to the bears' existence. I cannot imagine that extensive environmental review is not being demanded. How sad if along with the glaciers in the National Park up the road, these species that are threatened were to similarly disappear because of not just this excessive amount of development but also the extended season for people to recreate in this lovely but fragile place. Please rethink what appears to be an all too casual approach to approving the proposed Holland Lake development. Cramming more people into these few acres to sip gin and tonics on a larger deck, before going to a greater multiplicity of cabins or rooms in a lodge, confounds any reasonable sense of stewardship of what God has blessed us with in "this fragile earth, our island home" to use words from a Eucharistic Prayer found within the liturgy of the Episcopal Church. I wish you well in your deliberations.