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Comments: My husband and I spent five (5) years visiting different locations in Montana looking to purchase land and build our dream home. Once we visited the Swan Valley we knew that was our intended location. It took us less than 6 months to purchase land in Condon that is about 5 miles from Holland Lake Lodge.

Even as outsiders, it took no time at all for us to realize that the Swan Valley is an extremely special place. Even for Montana, the Swan Valley is exceedingly picturesque and full of people who care about conservation and living in harmony with the wildlife in the valley. We have seen grizzly bears , black bears, coyotes, deer and many species of birds on our property.

I learned a long time ago that if you want to control land, you need to buy it. However, public forest service land is different. It is there for all to enjoy as well as for conservation. I do understand that the lodge could use some repair and I would not be opposed to a small expansion/repair. However, the scope and scale of the expansion, lighting and number of parking spaces are absurd. I hope to be able to hike around Holland Lake for years to come without looking down on a Super Walmart parking lot.

The forest service can and should do better for the citizens of the Swan Valley and the citizens of Montana. Please deny the current version of the Holland Lake Lodge expansion.