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Comments: To Whom it May Concern:

My name is Kelly Harris, and I am a huge fan of Holland Lake, and The Holland Lake Lodge. Each year, I can not wait to throw my board, and my hubby in to my 4runner to make the 45 minute trek to Holland Lake!! We paddle the pristine waters of the Lake, swim, and gaze at the water falling down the rocky cracks of the mountain in the distance. We always end our trip with a wander over to the beautiful and rustic Holland Lake Lodge. With our wet hair and flip flops, we order a cold one, and the bartender gladly pours us a cold one. Both hubby, and I wander out to the banks of the Lodge, and take in the picture perfect views as we give thanks for such a place.

Holland Lake is one of Earth's jewels, and should not be polished and paved into something it was never meant to be. Holland Lake should be kept natural, preserved, and protected. The thought of developing Holland Lake Lodge into what sounds like just another lodge with upper class accommodations saddens me. It's also concerning. There's an abundance of wildlife, trees, and plants that live in, and around Holland Lake. There should be no argument that expanding and developing the lodge would be disruptive to the native wildlife, trees, and plants. It would be disruptive to the water, and to the land. All for what?? To develop a bigger, and more modern lodge on the banks of Holland Lake? Holland Lake Lodge as it stands is rustic, log, and snuggles into the land just right, as if it has been there all along. Holland Lake Lodge is a favorite place for that very reason.

Expanding, and modernizing the lodge would take away from the land, take away from the wildlife, take away from the trees, take away from the plants, and take away from us; ALL we could never get back. Holland Lake is a jewel that belongs to the earth. Precious and rare. Holland Lake belongs to the earth! It deserves to be natural, to be preserved, and to be protected; not to be polished and paved into something it was never meant to be.

With all my heart,

Kelly Harris