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Comments: To Whom It May Concern, Flathead Nat'l Forest:

I've recently learned, with horror, about the plans to destroy the old Holland Lake Lodge and replace it with a mega-development along the shore of one of western Montana's most prized lakes.

I couldn't object more strongly to this typically callous, near-future-only oriented, profit-driven proposal. There are many things wrong here, in fact I can't think of any reason to go forward with this proposal.

So I URGE you to deny the special use permit. I URGE you to instead conduct a comprehensive, impartial EIS and Section 106 historical review. In the case of the Holland Lake Lodge, the latter may be even more important than the former.

I also URGE you to insist that the applicant drastically revise its proposal and instead pursue historical preservation alternatives; to re-purpose and re-use extant buildings, as more creative proposals in fact do.

Above all, the living heritage of Holland Lake and the Seeley-Swan wildlife corridor must be preserved. The current misguided proposal will erode if not destroy that heritage.

Holland Lake and its Lodge belong to the memories of many Montanans near and far. I'm sick and tired of stupid, ill-conceived mega-developments that ignore if not obliterate the near (or not near) past.

Yours sincerely,

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