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Comments: I write to express my concern and disappointment at the lack of transparency and opportunity for public input on a matter that involves public lands - the project of expansion of the Holland Lake Lodge. I am not opposed to development or to change, but am concerned by what appears to be a lack of serious environmental assessment prior to moving forward with a plan for significant expansion. The public deserves complete transparency on these matters. Holland Lake and the surrounding area represent a unique natural area, the type of which is rapidly disappearing across our country. Holland Lake and the surrounding area has changed little since my first visit to the valley in 1976. The pristine natural environment remains much as it was decades ago -a rarity that, once lost, will be nearly impossible to recover. Others have (and will) provide evidence to attest to the degree to which Holland Lake and the surrounding area embody the notion of "wilderness" while maintaining business, residences and recreation. I repeat that I am not opposed to development. I am concerned that the public -- the families and residents and those who have been moved by their experience at Holland Lake and the surrounding area - are provided ample opportunity for public input on this project and that a thorough environmental assessment be undertaken. Thank you for this opportunity to give comments on the Holland Lake Lodge expansion