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Comments: I have stayed at the Holland Lake Lodge and have eaten there in years past. It had a quiet charm and atmosphere which would be lost in the large scale resort development proposed.

Good grief, a hundred plus parking spaces, 56 motel rooms, the additional cabins, all of which may be quite nice in their place, but is the calm, quiet shore of Holland Lake the right place? Certainly the current lodge and facilities could use some fixing up which may be beyond the capabilities of the present owner. I fear what is being proposed is going far beyond what we who have experienced Holland Lake and turn it into the resort town atmosphere which is going to be a challenge to the good humor of the locals and the well being of threatened species.

Personally, I would like to see any "improvements" kept in the scale of the current Holland Lake Lodge. That seems to be appropriate to the land and lake and the sense of forest and wilderness just beyond. A couple of hundred \$200-\$300-a-night city yahoos wandering about the landscape is not going to allow the peace and tranquility one can have there now.

Even the level of use now has negative impact. When I was there late July, kayaking the lake and hiking to the falls, one egg had been abandoned in the loon nest; there was obvious foot traffic to the lake shore, 15-20 feet from the nest. When I kayaked the lake there were no loons present. What will happen when foot traffic to the falls is 5, 10 times what it is now. When I hiked in to the fall, I picked up a sandwich bag and a soft drink bottle. Five, ten times the foot traffic will not be good.

Granted there will be local economic benefits. The county will get more property tax money. Perhaps the resort sales tax might be implemented. I do not know if the FS gets more fees but it would not surprise me. There will be a construction boom for a couple of years as the resort is being built, but that is short lived. And frankly, there is enough construction booming going on the MT now as to create a labor shortage. I have to wonder about the promise of good jobs associated with the resort. A manager, a chef, and maintenance person could well be the only full-time positions with decent salaries. A dorm being built to house temporary workers tells me about all I need to know about creating jobs in the local community.

The economic boom will be to the already wealthy Utah based resort operation. Most of the \$10,000 to \$20,000 a day the resort could earn will go to the already rich in Utah. The temps will probably be a bunch of Jack Mormon offsprings who could not make it in Las Vegas.

I oppose the POWDR development. It is way overkill. We already have some gross examples of this sort of development in Montana with the over-priced seasonal motels in Gardner, West and the west side of Glacier. We really need more of this?