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Comments: During the 45 years we've lived in Montana, Holland Lake has been a favorite family gathering campground. Some of our happiest memories have taken place there, with 3 generations gathered to the sounds of gleeful cousins romping through the campsites, at the water's edge, and in the water, guitars playing, singing, games, the sound of laughter, splashing....a carefree and joyful time together! We treasure the beauty, the wild natural spaciousness, the opportunities for hiking and seeing the wildlife. As the elders in the family, my husband and I sometimes stay at the lodge, and join the family during the day. We've enjoyed the basic log cabin feel and casual comfort of the place.

The proposed expansion and development would utterly destroy the character of this very special place. To turn it into a resort, bringing in so many people (most from out of state) increasing traffic, noise, crowding on the lake itself would be a kind of sacrilege. Places like Holland Lake are rare and precious! Our challenge and responsibility, born of gratitude for the gift of such a place, requires of us a reciprocal responsibility to preserve and protect every aspect of this place that has supported an entire ecosystem of plant and wildlife long before humans enjoyed it. Now, it is our task to protect the delicate and essential balance of human use so that we do not destroy what is so precious.

I realize this is not the language of business and profit. It is the language of sustainability for now and future generations. I and my extended family firmly oppose this development!