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Comments: One of the greatest things our country has done in its relatively brief history is to show the world that the most beautiful places should be and can be accessed by The People, and not just the Wealthy. Tragically, even as we are being emulated around the world, there is a growing movement to sequester such lands for the Wealthy in the U.S.

The people of Montana have a long relationship with Holland Lake and the surrounding country. The lake is well-known as one of our most beautiful places, and an entrance to the Bob Marshall Wilderness. We want to preserve this stupendous country for all of the people who follow us.

The lodge where many of us have attended weddings and other gatherings has seemed relatively unobtrusive, but we have learned that even this lodge has fallen into disrepair, and, more importantly, the sewage lagoon has failed.

It is difficult to understand why some people feel that a larger operation in this delicate environment would fare any better. It is imperative that this project undergoes agency and public review and comment.

There has been some talk of simply renewing the previous owners' permit - yes, the one that allowed the sewage lagoon to fail. If, indeed, we would agree to a new permit, it should be preceded by effective repair of this lagoon.

The best alternative, however, would be to recognize that this is the People's land, to repair and restore the lagoon, and either to restore the current lodge or restore the lake by tearing the lodge down.