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Comments: As a concerned member of the public and a proud Montanan, I strongly oppose the issuance of a 20-year permit for the Holland Lake Lodge property without significantly greater transparency, environmental accountability, and public involvement.

The proposed expansion is not a simple "renewal" - it's a new development with long-term impacts that must undergo thorough environmental review. The lodge cannot even provide full services due to a leaking sewage lagoon, which must be addressed upfront - not deferred to taxpayers or future permits.

The applicant has not submitted a master development plan or a 2025 operating plan - instead, the public was shown outdated documents from the previous owner. This is unacceptable. Do not issue this permit until a full plan is released and made available for public and agency review and comment.

Montana's public lands are not for sale. This proposal risks displacing wildlife (including sensitive species like loons) and transforming a beloved, natural area into an exclusive destination for wealthy visitors. You cannot piecemeal environmental harms into smaller steps to avoid comprehensive review. A full Environmental Impact Statement is required.

Our public lands must remain public - for the people, the wildlife, and future generations.

Thank you.