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Re: Holland Lake Lodge Special Use Permit Issuance Proposal

Dear Mr. Botello and Mr. Dowling,

Please accept my comment regarding the proposal for a Special Use Permit for Holland Lake Lodge. I appreciate your time.

I have been following this issue since Powder submitted a request for a permit.

I am against a Categorical Exclusion on this request. I support the efforts and extensive research from Save Holland Lake and The Alliance for the Rockies. I think this issue needs to be carefully reviewed and handled very professionally and legally. I and thousands of Montanans do not want to see this sacred public land at the base of a very protected Bob Marshal Wilderness turn into a gentrified "playground". I have been recreating here since the 80's and holds a very special place in my heart. I would love to see the Lodge registered in the Historical Registry. It's a very special place.

Please follow the suggestions of the Montanans that want to see Holland Lake Lodge protected and keep it a humble and sacred place for locals to visit for generations to come.

I am confident that you gentlemen will proceed with the utmost professionalism and integrity to protect our public land

Sincerely,

Johanna Appelhans