United States Forest Service

Swan Lake Ranger District

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Dear Forest Service and Swan Lake Ranger District,

I am writing to express my dismay about the expansion planned for Holland Lake Lodge Facility Improvement and Expansion #61746. However, I am supportive of planned improvements to the historic Holland Lake Lodge but object to building a new lodge and adding cabins very close to the lakeshore. I’m concerned about the impacts of more people recreating at Holland Lake and the negative impact of this increase in people will result in the need for a septic system close to the lake shore.

Where is the environmental impact assessment? This expansion will surely result in negative impacts on the wildlife including the loons that nest in that area, the deer, and bears, along with the fisheries. I am also concerned on the impact of building a second lodge and adding more cabins close to the lake. I am also concerned about that 200 trees will be cut associated with this expansion. We need those trees to convert carbon dioxide into oxygen and cutting trees down can bring about a large increase in greenhouse gas emissions, resulting in global warming!!!

The planned expansion will lead to increased traffic and more vehicles will require a large parking lot. In addition, more people will necessitate a larger swage system, which is concerning given that the expansion so close to the lakeshore will make a heavy impact on beautiful Holland Lake. pollution,

One of the charms of Holland Lake Lodge is the rustic footprint of the current lodge. The Holland Lake Lodge is in an area that serves as a gateway to the Bob Marshall Wilderness. The current lodge needs to be upgraded but I am not supportive of the massive expansion that includes adding a second lodge building and multiple cabins being erected close to the lakeshore.

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