

Dear Forest Service,

DO NOT allow the expansion of the Holland Lake Lodge! Please do not allow building of any kind to happen to THE BOB MARSHALL WILDERNESS AREA! How can you even ponder this?

The owner of Holland Lake Lodge is yet another out-of-State wealthy snob who doesn't care one bit about Montanans. (We've met him - we camp frequently at Holland Lake.) He frowns upon campers visiting the bar, his prices are beyond typical Montanan. This proposal is all for his and his funders PROFIT and not at all for the Montanan's who want to enjoy the simplicity and joy of being outdoors and NOT having to spend a lot of money to do so...

Please DO NOT allow for a lodge to be built in the BOB Marshall! That is a wilderness area and it should remain so. The animals are already being crowded out by TOO many humans frequenting the area. STOP Destroying our beautiful state — It is not for the good of the state, or the wildlife or the land. LEAVE THE LAND ALONE. LET SOMETHING REMAIN GOOD and not stolen by our government and the rich who buy the politicians.

Please -- stop selling our state off to out-of-state affluent greedy individuals and corporations. For the love of the Last Best Place — PLEASE Stop selling away our great outdoors, our childhood memories and the memories of future generations.

This "improvement" will only cause more damage to the lake, the air, the trees, the land and to all the animals whose home this truly is. It will be yet another playground for the rich and at the expense of the rest of us — the majority of us — who live in and love this state.

NO TO ALL OF THIS:

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Proposed expansion of the East Holland Lake Connector Trailhead would include expanding the parking area to provide for additional vehicles and upgrades to existing vault toilet or an additional vault toilet.

Removal of Dilapidated Structures

Demolish and remove multiple structures including the gift shop, five cabins, storage shed, watersports shed, and sauna/massage buildings.

Repair Existing Structures

Repair and provide maintenance to the Old Lodge, Manager's Cabin and Barn.

Construction of New Structures

New constructed facilities would include:

1. Bob Marshall Lodge (28 rooms, two-story, 13,000 square feet)
2. 10 lake cabins (650 square feet each)
3. 16 smaller studio cabins (250 square feet each)
4. New Welcome Center (2,000 square feet, single-story building) for check in and retail
5. The Mission Mountains Restaurant (3,000 square feet) would be constructed adjacent to the Old

Lodge, separated by a breezeway. The proposed Mission Mountains Restaurant would have indoor seating capacity for 100 guests. Outdoor seating would also be available for an additional

30 guests when the weather allows for it. The new kitchen will be designed to serve three times as many meals as the current kitchen.

6. Small watersport building (400 square feet)

7. New support buildings which would include a maintenance building (2,000 square feet) and employee housing (2,000 square feet)

Upgrade Infrastructure

1. Water Systems

a. Two new potable groundwater wells would be established to satisfy upgraded Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) water quality standards for public water systems. Anticipated ground disturbance width (approximately 24 inches) and depth (approximately 100 feet).

b. The two existing potable water wells would be used for irrigation and/or fire suppression.

2. Wastewater Systems

a. Wastewater connections to new buildings would be installed. Anticipated ground disturbance includes 36-48 inch deep and 12-16-inch-wide trenching.

b. Larger sewage holding tanks would be installed to increase capacity. Anticipated ground disturbance would be determined by the size of new tanks.

c. Wastewater line from HLL to sewage lagoon would be replaced with new line having increased capacity. Anticipated ground disturbance includes 36-48 inch deep and 12-16-inch-wide trenching.

d. Wastewater would be conveyed to the existing Holland Lake Wastewater Facility.

e. Holland Lake Lodge would be responsible for operation of the Holland Lake Wastewater Facility including improvements and upgrades, annual operation, maintenance costs and system repairs. HLL would take over responsibilities from the USFS at a time of mutual agreement. Maintenance and upgrade responsibilities shall include:

i. Ensure accurate flow data for both HLL and the USFS campground, which may include upgrading the wastewater flow meters and / or installation of a Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition system.

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ii. Based on flow data and need:

1. holding tank storage capacity may be increased prior to discharge into lagoon.

2. wastewater pumps may be upgraded, and force main size may be increased to accommodate additional flow capacity.

3. a new wet well or additional holding tanks may be installed in the lodge area.

4. a third lagoon or enlarge the existing lagoons may be installed.

iii. Lagoon liner may be repaired, and any exposed liner covered above the water level.

iv. Lagoon sludge depth would be inspected, and sludge removed if necessary

v. Pump holding tanks would be monitored and inspected on a regular basis.

vi. Backup electrical power generators would be installed for water supply and for wastewater pumps at HLL in concurrence with the proposed HLL upgrades.

vii. All required federal, state, and local permits and approvals would be obtained

prior to work.

3. Electrical Service Systems

- a. Underground electric service lines would be installed within the permit area to structures. Anticipated ground disturbance includes 36-48 inch deep and 12-16-inch-wide trenching.
- b. A generator would be installed as backup electrical service for all primary systems.
- c. Solar photovoltaic systems may be used for the Bob Marshall Lodge and Maintenance Building.
- d. Six or more electric vehicle charging stations would be installed to support electric and plug-in hybrid vehicles.

4. Fiber Optic Internet Service

- a. Underground fiber optic service line within the road utility telephone communications would be installed in the right-of-way adjacent to Forest Service Road #44 from Highway 83 to HLL and within the permit area to structures. Anticipated ground disturbance includes 36-48 inch deep and 12-16-inch-wide trenching. Trenchless methodologies would be used if feasible.

5. Road and Parking Areas

- a. Driveway access to parking areas (75,418 square feet; 1.7 acres) would be constructed of gravel and crushed rock.
- b. Non-motorized pathways to provide accessible routes to buildings, improve connectivity to public trails, and USFS campground (19,198 square feet; 0.44 acres) would be constructed of gravel and crushed rock.

6. Sanitation and Garbage Disposal

- a. Bear and vermin resistant garbage and recycling containers would be installed in multiple locations for daily emptying.
- b. Garbage and recycling collection would be centralized at a bear-resistant site adjacent to the maintenance building for weekly pickup and off-site disposal.

7. Non-Motorized Boat and Swimming Docks

- a. One non-motorized watersport equipment boat dock would be installed along the shoreline.
- b. Two swimming docks would be installed in Holland Lake.

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Vegetation Management

Douglas Fir, Lodgepole Pine, Western Larch, and Grand Fir trees would be removed. Tree removal is

primarily proposed in areas of the HLL roadway and parking areas and USFS trailhead expansion.

Selective thinning and pruning would be conducted to reduce fuels and improve view corridors.

Expansion of East Holland Lake Connector Trailhead

The East Holland Lake Connector Trailhead parking area would be expanded up to three acres.

Barriers

such as boulders or buck and rail fence would be installed to designate the parking area. Hitching rails

would be installed to accommodate pack and stock users. The existing vault toilet may be replaced, or an

additional vault toilet may be added.

Facilitate Hiker Access

Construct, improve and sign three pedestrian trails. One trail would be constructed from the USFS

Holland Lake campground to the HLL. A second trail would be constructed from the campground

towards Holland Lake Road near the HLL facility entry. A third trail would be constructed from the HLL

to the East Holland Lake Connector Trailhead. These new trails would be gated at the permitted boundary

and would provide hikers safe access the Lodge or the Trailhead without having to walk along the

Holland Lake Road.

Land Disturbance

Anticipated land disturbances include tree removal for new construction and parking (HLL and trailhead),

dirt removal to level parking areas (HLL and trailhead), utility trenching to new buildings, trenching for

foundations and footings, site grading and berming, drilling of two water wells, and temporary vehicle

access for site work. Equipment use may include dozers, backhoes, graders, excavators, trenching

machines, dump trucks, handtools (shovels, rakes), and other miscellaneous tools and equipment as needed.

THIS IS AN INSULT — DO NOT ALLOW THE Destruction of our beautiful STATE!

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