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United States Forest Service Flathead National Forest Swan Lake Ranger District 200 Ranger Station Road Bigfork, MT 59911

Re: 1950 (0110): Holland Lake Lodge Facility Expansion

To Whom It May Concern:

I write to you on behalf of Hellgate Hunters & Anglers (HHA), a Western-Montana based rod and gun club totaling over 500 members. We represent a diverse group of hunters, anglers, public land users and advocates who regularly and actively use the lands encompassed by the Flathead National Forest. We thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed Holland Lake Lodge Facility Expansion.

HHA's key priorities are the protection of wildlife, wildlife habitat, wildlife habitat security, and public access to public lands. The assessment of your proposal submitted by Dr. Chris Servheen, President of the Montana Wildlife Federation, well represents our dissatisfaction with and opposition to the Holland Lake Resort Development proposal. Additionally, we strongly oppose the use of a categorical exclusion to approve this misguided development project. We hereby request an absolute rejection of the Holland Lake Resort Development proposal by the Flathead National Forest Supervisor.

Respectfully,

Walker Conyngham, President

Hellgate Hunters & Anglers