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Comments: I am adding to my previous comments. The Forest Service must declare this proposal is not in the public interest and revoke the permit. In addition to the issues raised in my attached Missoulian column, denning habitat for grizzly bears has been documented in the Holland Lake area. Now that the proposal includes four-season use, all four seasons of habitat for grizzly bears must be evaluated. Denning grizzly bears can be disturbed by winter use including cross-country skiing. Adding over 100 skiers a day into the area will increase disturbance to grizzly bears, lynx, wolverine and other species.

A categorical exclusion is out of the question. Anything less than a full EIS will be challenged. Drop this proposal, recommend the existing Lodge and buildings for protection on the National Historic Register and convert the Lodge to a Visitor Center and Museum.