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Comments: Dear Supervisor Steele,

I strongly urge you to resist approval of the expansion of Holland Lake Lodge. I believe the FS has a duty to balance the interests of the lodge owner with the local valley residents, local small businesses and all backcountry users. The proposed lodge expansion would greatly increase the financial benefits of the lodge owner on his FS lease at great cost to the public enjoyment. My own backcountry horse trip from Holland Lake to the SF of the Flathead was one of the most important and formative adventures of my life. The trail going up to the pass is quite dangerous but everyone cooperates very well. A tripling of the size of the lodge would make this journey excessively dangerous due to the huge increase in congestion. I urge you to take the counsel of the local residents and small businesses and reject the proposed expansion.

Thank you,

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