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Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this proposal to upgrade and expand the Holland Lake

Lodge facility.

I am writing to strongly oppose the proposal as listed. Holland Lake Lodge operates on public land under a Special use permit. The permit as currently allows for just that - Special use. With record increases in development all across the state, some areas, (especially those on USFS managed lands) should remain primitive (for lack of a better term). The amount of development in the proposal has no place at Holland Lake - where thousands of visitors come each year to enjoy its remoteness, its primitiveness, and its rustic character.

Allowing development on such a scale as proposed would be a slap in the face to the public for the gain of a few. Restoring and upgrading existing facilities is one thing, but expansion of this scale is a whole new can of worms.

I urge you as a citizen of Montana and a visitor to Holland Lake to deny the proposal as currently written. Fewer and fewer places in this great area are being left rustic and primitive. The need to spoil that for financial gain of a few is short sighted and unnecessary.

Thank you for reading.