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Comments: 1. The Holland Lake Lodge Master Development Plan was not made publicly available on the Flathead's web site until September 6. The public needs plenty of time to review this 36-page document and the Forest Service's 16-page "scoping" document.

2. The scoping document is dead wrong to presume this mega-development can be "categorically excluded" from the prior preparation of an Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Statement. Such short cuts are intended for constructing an outhouse or a tool shed, not a destination resort!

3. Before Big Mountain was allowed to expand its ski area in 1995, the Flathead rightly prepared an Environmental Impact Statement on whether it should be allowed under that ski area Special Use Permit.

4. Before the Flathead allowed Big Mountain ski area to expand ski lift facilities in Hellroaring Basin in 2019, it prepared an Environmental Assessment to be certain it should be allowed under the Special Use Permit.

5. The Flathead must provide 60 days for public comments on these Holland Lake "scoping" documents and then prepare an Environmental Impact Statement that fully assesses the potential impacts of this mega-development on this historic, rustic area and its natural ecosystems.

This proposal is totally out of character for the current low impact recreation that happens at Holland Lake. It will encourage a barrage of boating activity on the relatively small lake that will affect those who come to camp and enjoy the quiet.

The amount of traffic the resort and upgraded trail head will create will diminish the camping and outdoor experience of those camping at the Holland Lake Campground.

The amount of people the resort will attract will diminish the wild experience of hiking to Holland Falls and further up the canyon. The falls have been a mainstay of local and western Montana families for generations. Those of us who grew up experiencing the beauty of the falls while camping at the campground, or going for wilderness hikes will hate to see the desecration of the area by an industrial recreation operator working to get their foot in the door to greater development in the Swan. Make no mistake, if this proposal is permitted, the next permit may be to push ski slopes up to the crest of the Swan Range.