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Comments: To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Tarn Ream. I grew up in Missoula and have spent a lot of time in the Seeley-Swan area, including Holland Lake and in the Flathead NF. I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the Holland Lake Lodge Master Development Plan, though I am concerned that the public does not have ample time to review the Plan and the scoping document, as they were just released on September 6, with a deadline for comments on Sep 21, 2022. The Flathead NF should allow 60 days for public input.

The scoping document concludes that 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! It is disturbing that a project this large could just be swept under the rug like nothing is happening! Expanding the Lodge facilities will significantly alter Holland Lake ecosystem, and likely recreational activities for locals and visitors alike. I request that a full Environmental Impact Statement be completed for this project, given the scope of the Plan, and the negative impacts it will have on the ecosystems surrounding the lake, as well as aesthetics for human visitors.

Sincerely,

Tarn Ream