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Comments: To Whom it May Concern,

I don't believe the Forest Service is providing an adequate analysis of the Holland Lake Expansion Project as required by NEPA. A Categorical Exclusion is not appropriate because there is a potential for impacts related to the increased traffic on Holland Lake Road. These include impacts to air quality related to fugitive dust, impacts to vegetation from fugitive dust, noise and fugitive dust impacts to adjacent recreation areas including campgrounds, and impacts to wildlife including big game and the ESA-listed grizzly bear from increased traffic which would increase the potential for wildlife-vehicle collisions. Visual impacts would also occur from the increased build-out and from fugitive dust rising from the road. An Environmental Assessment at a minimum is necessary to adequately analyze these impacts to determine if they are significant.

Further, holding one public meeting at Holland Lake Lodge does not provide adequate public participation. For stakeholders that do not live in the immediate area it is too far to drive to attend a public meeting.