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Comments: It is no mystery that wood deteriorates. The Holland Lake Lodge and associated buildings are proof in fact. The condition of the buildings, left to nature's devices, would eventually be condemned, and no public enjoyment would be had..at all.

The proposed project, surprised me in quality and quantity. The quality of the environment, upon completion would be improved. The sanitation facility upgrade, would alone be enough to support the project. People have found Holland Lake. They will not stop coming because there is poor sanitation, they will find other means and the area will degrade.

The safety at the parking lot for the trail is also a concern. The tight quarters for hikers, campers and outfitters can pose some challenges during the summer. Expanding this parking area is a terrific idea, and a little dust control along the way would also be valuable.

Rehabilitating the Lodge would be terrific! All the memories created there, could be stepping stones for future generations to enjoy. Without significant money infusion, the Lodge would continue to deteriorate.

Removal of the cabins, is the only logical choice. The expense of "fixing up" would be prohibitive and new cabins would serve the public well into the future. The new lodge is a question to me. Certainly the new owners need enough capacity to make the operation of the property profitable, but I would expect the character of the property to be maintained.

The new restaurant would be welcome in this small valley, IF the scale is correct and the character of the "place" is not changed.

I am opposed to the floating swim or boat launches. A big plastic object in the forefront of the tranquil view, offends my senses. Perhaps the recreational activities could be tucked into the cove, out of sight.

Several of the Forest Service Design Criteria need to be revisited. The archaeologist refers to "this alternative", when I am unaware of alternatives being presented. The botanist should consider allowing steppable - sturdy plants such as buffalo grass to be established along the shoreline. The human traffic is great and there are plants that are heartier than local native vegetation. I look forward to delving into the Criteria deeper, at a later date.

The safety improvements and traffic control proposed for the trails and roads are an asset. And by bringing in electric utility service to the campground, as an aside to the project would help preserve the peace of the place by eliminating individual generators. The solar panels proposed for the top of one of the buildings is questionable to me, but the prerogative of the new owners.

In summary; the Forest Service has obligations to many users in the Holland Lake area. To keep facilities for birdwatchers, hikers, campers and guides safe and healthy at trail heads is one. To provide recreational opportunities for a wide variety of people at the Lodge site is another. To maintain the pristine water for fish and the resident loons, a very important one. (Side note, I would enjoy eliminating motorized boats of any sort from the entire lake ). To maintain the health of the forest for resistance to wild fire.

I support the development plan, knowing the result will be a more durable facility for public recreation, it will solve some congestion issues at trails, and it will improve the sanitation of the area as a whole. And I presume the

facilities will be open to the local people, not just for destination events.

I look forward to staying abreast of the plans. I would like to better understand the capacity / cost effectiveness, to ensure the scale fits the setting. And recognize the best path forward for a lasting Holland Lake Lodge is through this willing party, to fund the overall refurbishment, upgrades - in the concert with the existing character.

Thanks for your consideration.