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Comments: I am writing to note my opposition to the expansion of the Holland Lake Lodge.

My family has been camping there nearly every year for almost 60 years. We enjoy that the lake is surrounded by woods, and even at its busiest it could be considered a quiet place. I firmly believe that the proposed addition - especially cutting down so many trees - will change it for the worse.

Added lake traffic. Added human traffic coming into and out of the road will only make the dust problem in the camp grounds worse, not to mention adding stress to the road - that will then require more maintenance. Added motor craft and paddle craft will aggravate an already frustrating situation between motor craft and paddle craft on the lake. This year alone we watched what would have been 2 fatal accidents that were near misses. Adding more humans to this could end in a deadly accident.

Fire- this is a concern my family has every year, especially when the lake is busy. If there's a fire, how and who is going to get everyone out? Adding more overnight guests at the lodge and cabins makes this more complicated. Safety of all those who use the lake should be addressed.

Staffing this expansion will require more staff, and let's be honest - where are they going to find them? House them? Will they pay them a living wage? Will these employees be on the road 2x a day driving in and back out, again raising dust and putting stress on the road?

Is this expansion really in line with the forest plan? Bringing a huge out state company in to bring many more out of state tourists into a small lake deeply loved by local Montanans?

Is taking out trees to add cabins and more septic waste in line with the forest plan? Can the area even safely accommodate that much more human waste?

I am adamantly opposed to this expansion and purchase of the lodge.

Unfortunately I am unable to attend the meeting this evening, but my contact information is attached. Please reach out for further comment.

Respectfully,  
Felicia Marie Luebeck