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Comments: Dear Forest Service,

Re: Holland Lake Lodge - Historical Preservation and Environmental

It would be nice if Holland Lake Lodge were preserved in current state and updated under Historical Preservation Grants, ie Grand Union in Fort Benton. No mention was mentioned of the historical significance in the proposal and keeping the current lodge size rather than tripling the accommodations. Reason for this suggestion are two fold. 1) Destination resort vs. Historical Preservation allows same use as previous and diminishes costs to restore. Affordability to surrounding community. Decreased cost to improve and update lodge will make it more affordable to buyers and in the end the consumer. This process works. 2) Pristine preservation - if you open up the this corridor to Glacier Park you are creating another boondoggle in the middle of the Swan/Mission complex. No highway was built to Pole Bridge nor were roads accessing those lakes around Pole Bridge improved and for a very specific reason - you build it they will come. This will be the first step in commercializing the corridor with high end destination resorts. I am concerned there are no renderings of the future resort in the file to show the current resort as is and what it will become and there is probably very good reason for the changes not being shown.

A ski resort was shut down near Missoula and Lolo peak with good reason. Since coming to the surrounding area in the late 50s till now, the area has remained relatively pristine. Please do not open up this corridor to this kind of commercialization.

Sincerely,

Jim Bennett