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Comments: I strenuously object to this major expansion. If this is allowed to proceed, the Forest Service will irrevocably alter the area by increasing traffic and noise pollution from motorized watercraft. This will have adverse effects on wildlife and the serene environment that visitors are currently still experiencing.

I understand that no further Environmental Impact Statement is being required, and from comments made by certain USFS personnel, they are already inclined to let the proposed expansion proceed without one because there is already an existing lodge. This proposal is a far cry from the original, and it's impact needs to be studied before it is given the go ahead.

Recently I was camping at the Holland Lake USFS campground, and enjoyed the tranquility of the mornings. A pair of loons were calling, and were seen swimming with their chick. While kayaking back down the lake in the afternoons, there were several large personal watercraft from Holland Lake Lodge racing around, mindless of anyone else and creating cross-wakes and lots of noise. I assume that the expansion would only create a more crowded and noisier environment. How is this a benefit to visitors and wildlife? This travesty will degrade a very precious place and another piece of our ever-dwindling Montana that has been a haven for so many. Who benefits? Look at the areas already developed by this corporation. We don't need another playground for the wealthy who have no understanding or respect for natural resources and their true value. There are plenty of privately owned glam resorts if that is what a person desires. The Forest Service has an obligation to protect our natural resources, not to allow exploitation for profit by a select few. NO to this development!