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Comments: I am writing to oppose the proposed Holland Lake Lodge facility improvement and expansion. I am a former Forest Service employee of ten seasons, all spent in the Bob Marshall Wilderness as well as a former seasonal resident of the Swan Valley. The Swan Valley is unique in Montana for its lack of development and continued rural character which would come to an abrupt end with the implementation of the proposed project. Holland Lake is not just any parcel of land. It is one of the primary entrances to the Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex, which is the flagship Wilderness area of the entire Wilderness preservation system. This project would have significant impacts on the area through increased use and visitation, negatively affecting wildlife (including Grizzly Bears, a listed species, and Bull Trout, a listed species) as well as the general public's user experience as they seek opportunities for solitude, only to be inundated by more development. This would impact existing commercial operators who have CUAs that are premised on providing a primitive experience that will be anything but, if this project is allowed to proceed.

Most troubling is the CE. A categorical exclusion? For a project of this scale and potential impact? A twenty one day comment period? This is outrageous, and probably illegal which will lead the agency into predictably being sued and forced to actually evaluate the impacts after a protracted legal battle that will cost taxpayer money. All, so that a corporation can make more money on public lands at the expense, both literally and figuratively of the average (ie, not rich) Forest user.

No thank you. I urge the Flathead National Forest to deny the proposal in its current form.