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Comments: This lodge development is unwanted by both local and greater communities that appreciate the current natural value of Holland Lake. The planned development will cause environmental impacts that the US Forest Service is failing to consider. The area is home to sensitive wildlife species such as grizzly bear, lynx, wolves, elk, loons, and other birds whose habitat will likely be affected by both new construction and by the increase in human traffic to the area after construction. The plan mentions considering the active nesting site of loons in the area while building the new lodge, yet the Forest Service should evaluate the potential long-term affects on loon (and other wildlife) populations from this large development. Additionally, the plan claims that because grizzly bears have not been seen at the lodge they don't need to consider adverse impact to bear habitat from new construction. Again, the Forest Service needs to review and inform the public how this new construction will likely affect grizzly bears in the area. In summary, at a minimum, a complete NEPA review with alternatives should be provided to the public for comment. A categorical exclusion is wholly inadequate given the natural values at risk to the public from this large development. I strongly oppose this development on Holland Lake and recommend the owners reconsider their development plans.