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Comments: To whom it may concern, I am opposed to this mega development on my public land. Holland Lake is paradise just the way it is. The existing lodge fits in well. It could use some upgrading but overall is as it should be. I can smell the wood smoke and hear the loons calling. The last thing Montana needs is another mega resort. Don't turn Holland Lake into a waterfront Big Sky.

Taking down over 200 mature trees that belong to the public and building houses and a big restaurant right on the lake shore would have major impact. Places like Holland Lake Lodge deserve to be preserved.

The Holland Lake Lodge Master Development Plan was not made publicly available on the Flathead's web site until September 6. The public needs plenty of time to review this 36-page document and the Forest Service's 16-page "scoping" document. 2 weeks just does not cut it. How much time did the new owners have to prepare their planned development? How much time did the Forest Service take to prepare this assessment?

The scoping document is dead wrong to presume this mega-development can be "categorically excluded" from the prior preparation of an Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Statement. Such shortcuts are intended for constructing an outhouse or a tool shed, not a destination resort!

Before Big Mountain was allowed to expand its ski area in 1995, the Flathead rightly prepared an Environmental Impact Statement on whether it should be allowed under that ski area Special Use Permit. Before the Flathead allowed the Big Mountain ski area to expand ski lift facilities in Hellroaring Basin in 2019, it prepared an Environmental Assessment to be certain it should be allowed under the Special Use Permit.

The Flathead must provide 60 days for public comments on these Holland Lake "scoping" documents and then prepare an Environmental Impact Statement that fully assesses the potential impacts of this mega-development on this historic, rustic area and its natural ecosystems.

Please don't rubber stamp the ruination and massive commercialization of this special part of the Flathead National Forest. Take time to properly review it and allow the public their rights to comprehend all the impacts.