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Comments: I am an avid outdoorsman, camper, and fisherman. My home is in Bozeman MT. I am opposed to the immediate approval by the United States Forest Service of the newly proposed Holland Lake Resort. The reason to approve based on existing structures may be legal, but certainly not professional or even ethical (by pulling a fast one on the public).

Because there is a historic resort there now, its environmental footprint is much smaller compared to the new plans recently submitted to the Forest Service. The wholesale removal of so many large trees in itself would be reason to deny or delay the project, not to mention road construction impacts, public safety issues (fire and law enforcement impacts), traffic, water runoff, and impact to the animals in the region including people and towns nearby.

I would request that for a project of this magnitude an environmental review be conducted by a reputable and experienced company. Based on their findings, I would be much more comfortable with proceeding in some form or fashion. I also believe the public should have more time to comment and that advertisements be published in statewide periodicals and news outlets. As a municipal employee for 34 years, I have seen city required environmental impact studies be beneficial to the applicant and the citizens, as quality projects have been built because of the studies. The US Forest Service owes it to all Montanans to do this right.

Thank you for reading my comments.

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