

Data Submitted (UTC 11): 9/16/2022 3:40:54 AM

First name: Daniel

Last name: Eckert

Organization:

Title:

Comments: I am a former resident of Missoula, Montana and have used Holland Lake on several occasions. I am disabled from a spinal cord injury and tested my ability to paddle a rented canoe on Holland Lake. Further as a big game hunter I have used the designated parking facilities and hiking trails to access The Bob Marshall Wilderness from there.

I am opposed to the proposed Holland Lake Lodge expansion.

Since 1960 development of National Forest lands into Ski Resorts has created expectations that all projects will match the commercial success of Colorado's Famed Resorts and host a future Winter Olympic Games. I am disappointed to state that the US Forest Service has hosted at least 6 commercial failures to the current 122 commercial enterprises.

What makes Holland Lake so special? It is special to me because it has trail heads close to the Bob Marshall Wilderness boundary and is still relatively undeveloped. The public land campsites and Latrine toilets are adequate for my purposes. I do not believe increasing the size and scope of "private enterprises" at this particular location to be a wise allocation of public resources. There is no certain large stream of cash into the US Treasury from this development.

With the recent sale of Montana's Weyerhaeuser forest lands into development projects; I believe the public National Forest lands are even more precious to sportsman than ever and not one acre should be developed. I believe the US Forest Service should be implementing re-forestation projects around Flathead National Forest not commercial real estate sales and developments.