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Comments: Dear Forest Service,

I am a life long resident of Montana. I can make a very long speech about all of the sentimental reasons why this expansion should not happen, instead I'm going to give you the history of years I have had there. I have spent a life time of summers at Holland lake. As a child I went there with my parents, as parent I raised my children spending summer vacations there and now my grandson had his first summer at Holland Lake. Also I will include my other many family members that have spent their summers there!

Through out the years I have seen the changes happening at Holland Lake from the old school first come first serve to reservations at the campgrounds. I spent many years hiking the old trail to the falls to the most recent trail to the falls. With just those 2 small changes to the area there has been an impact on the natural environment, not a good one either. The more popular Holland Lake has become in these past years the more impact there has been on the plants, trails, water and natural environment.

One of my largest concerns are the wildlife, mainly the bears, this is their home and we are merely guests. As time has gone on and more and more people visit our beautiful Holland Lake, they do not understand the proper protocol of staying in bear country. If you allow a fancy high dollar resort to come in, do you truly believe in your heart of heart that the people from other areas (not bear county) are going to truly understand the importance of keeping food stored properly. What is going to happen when a hungry bear shows up and does what a bears natural instinct tells them to do. How many bears are going to be put down or relocated because of this? I truly want to know how you believe this kind of expansion will not have a negative impact on the wildlife, we are just next door to the Bob Marshal Wilderness.

As for our beautiful lake that all of this is based around, what is the impact that will be put on the water itself? On a busy summer day now at the amount of people that can visit, the lake is at full capacity. The motorized water-crafts are already to much! They take from the calm of the water, creating a ton of noise pollution and what about all they can bring to can change the entire ecosystem of the water?

These are just a few of my many concerns, I could truly rant on for hours about how I believe the proposed expansion could have a negative impact on the natural habitat and environmental destructions this would cause.

Thank you for taking the time to listen to my concerns

Robin Burk