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Comments: Defend Our Parks LLC is opposed to the large expansion project of Holland Lake Lodge, mainly because of the USFS's attempt to exclude the project from a full environmental impact statement (EIS) including a review of the numerous serious impacts that such a project would have on Holland lake, Flathead National Forest, and the local community.

The scoping document should NOT presume that this proposed mega-development can be 'categorically excluded' from the preparation of an Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Statement.

No major development of wilderness land should take place for any reason, least of all for a tourist destination. New water systems, new parking lots, a new 13,000-square-foot, 28-room lodge, 10 two-bedroom lakeside cabins, 16 one-bedroom "bunkie" cabins, an employee housing building for 12 workers, a maintenance building, a welcome center, a watersports building and a new 3,000-square foot Mission Mountain Restaurant are what the developer proposes to construct. And the developer, POWDR, believes there will be no environmental impact? POWDR owns and operates many other large facilities, and is surely well aware of the impact that the company makes on local environments.

We would not oppose renovation of the lodge on a small scale.