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Comments: Hello:

I am submitting a comment OPPOSING the proposed improvement and expansion. Given the lodge sits on 15 acres of lease USFS land, and that the land sits within critical habitat of multiple federally listed fish and wildlife species, I believe the proposed actions will result in too great a negative impact on ESA species. I have a PhD in wildlife biology from the University of Montana and am concerned by the impact of these proposed actions to critical habitat, the wider environment and ecosystem, and the viability of listed species (lynx, grizzly bear, bull trout etc).

While I understand updating existing structures, the proposed expansion and the ensuing development, impacts of said development and associated increases in use within the region are not in the best interests of the biological or human community.

Please conduct a thorough environmental assessment of the proposed actions and consider that the wider community is overwhelmingly opposed to the proposed Holland Lake Lodge expansion.