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Comments: Dear Forest Service Administrators,

I join the hundreds -- perhaps thousands -- of concerned Montanans who strenuously object to the plans to expand exponentially the lodging, camping, and recreational facilities at Holland Lake Lodge.

My family and I have visited, hiked, vacationed, and just plain enjoyed the Holland Lake Lodge and area from first coming to Montana in 1964 until this summer. I am now a senior citizen, my kids and grandkids and even my great-grandson either live in the state or come to visit as often as possible. And we hope to return again and again to beautiful Holland Lake Lodge and the pristine area that surrounds it. We would not object to modest upgrades and even some expansion to existing facilities, but what is being proposed is a total remake, a huge expansion, and a threat to the wild habitat that makes this area so precious and special.

Our homestead ranch is in the Potomac Valley and we have seen how the huge Paws Up Ranch has transformed parts of the valley -- and the Blackfoot River corridor -- into a playground for wealthy out of staters, at the cost of local access and use. We must not let this happen at Holland Lake!

I join other concerned citizens in demanding a real Environmental Assessment, an extended period for public comment and input, and a reconsideration of this destructive, exclusive plan. Let's keep Holland Lake modest and accessible to those seeking a true, beautiful, and nondestructive outdoor experience right next door to one of the greatest wilderness areas in the world!