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Comments: As a trained biologist, zoologist, and natural resource and environmental health specialist, this development is a big mistake. I doubt you could show no impact by expanding Holland Lake Lodge on this Lake on the edge of the Wilderness. The current lodge provides plenty of impact and lakeshore damage from water and sewage disposal, storm drainage and garbage disposal. Increasing the number of people and foot print of the buildings will increase damage to the water resources, wildlife, and environment. If you analyzed the best possible use for this mountain lake, it would be preservation, remove the Lodge, and turn this land back to nature. This would also include removing the road and have pack in and pack out access only. And, non-motorized boating would greatly benefit the ecology of the lake. We do not have to drive to and have internet access everywhere.

The last time I was at Holland Lake, I thought what a waste to have this beautiful lake and then be told in the pit toilet facility that I should burn my garbage so they did not have to haul it out to the nearest town. This proves that the Forest service cannot be trusted to follow the law and dispose of garbage correctly. Garbage burning is not only against the law but it causes environmental damage to our air quality and the ash is toxic to the environment and especially water resources. Double or triple this damage and the proposed facility will destroy the lake. And, the current lodge and campground had visitors with motorboats, dogs running loose, and people littering garbage everywhere, guess they did not want to burn it. If you completed an EIS, did you forget to mention the dogs running loose and the damage they did to the wildlife, chasing and harassing wildlife and other campers. And, how about the parties by campers leaving beer bottles and pop cans littering the shoreline. And, did I mention the gasoline floating on the lake from motorboats and generators. And, what about water pollution from the person I saw dumping their bait into the lake. I really think you need to re-evaluate the best use for Holland Lake and how you do not have the resources to currently enforce the rules and environmental laws to protect the lake. The best use for this area would really be to eliminate the lodge and campground and road. A trail to the lake with foot traffic only and no motorized vehicles would give this lake a chance. And, banning dogs would also help because we all know the leash law is a joke on Forest Service Land.