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Comments: In my view, the Forest Service has erred in assigning the Holland Lake Lodge expansion proposal a "Categorical Exclusion". Its sensitive natural setting and the magnitude of the planned expansion of visitor accommodations and infrastructure improvements call for a very complete, unhurried review of this project. The proposal will triple visitation to this 15-acre site, despite the developer's contention that not all of the new "pillows" will ever be used at one time. Of course they will.

I do not think we should rely on private sector operations on public lands to serve an ever-expanding population of tourists. Leave that to the private sector activities on private lands, and let the private sector operations on public lands hold steady at current service levels or, better yet, gradually reduce and transition to a much lighter, more conservation and preservation-oriented use. Future Forest Service plans should reflect that principle.