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Comments: Upon review of the documents of the proposed expansion to Holland Lake Lodge, I would like to submit my vote of opposition to the proposal in its current state.

First, requiring the public to review and reflect on such a significant project to a beloved, historic site in this short of time is inadequate. The USFS has failed to provide sufficient notice to the public. Without sufficient notice, it is possible that only a small portion of local residents will have had notification of the intention to expand at the site, and Holland Lake Lodge is an important destination to many Montanans, who would also like an opportunity to comment.

Secondly, the USFS has failed to consider all impacts the proposed expansion may have on the surroundings, to include:

- *Increased vehicle traffic, which would result in increased wildlife collisions, particularly with deer and bears
- *Increased vehicle traffic effects on noise pollution for residents
- *Increased vehicle traffic and more traffic safety issues/accidents
- *The environmental impacts of tree removal and building removal on surrounding wildlife and avian species to allow for construction of new buildings, lodges, and parking lots
- *The environmental impact of increased water traffic on the lake
- *The environmental impact of removal of trees and vegetation along the shore increasing water temperature and effecting aquatic species and riparian vegetation
- *The socioeconomic impact on local communities by driving in hordes of tourists that decide they want to be quasi-Montanans, which could increase the potential for tourists to drive up the cost of living by purchasing second homes that sit empty, disallowing locals to have access to affordable housing

The bottom line is: listen to your locals and take advantage of the gift of the hard lessons from other communities around Montana.