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Comments: As a frequent camper and kayaker at Holland Lake, along with my husband, I urge you to consider not only the environmental impact of the proposed new buildings, but also the environmental impact on the lake of potentially tripling the number of lake users. The lake usually has nesting loons and native turtles, as well as herons, osprey, bears (I have a photo of a yearling black bear PLAYING in the water just off the current resort's cabin area), and of course deer, many species of fish, and on and on. We consistently see huge fish (12 to 18 inches ling) that apparently migrate to the lake each year to spawn. Not being much of a fish person, I couldn't tell you the species. I can tell you that I'm really concerned about what impact the additional non-local recreationists who will be attracted to the resort will have on the wildlife. Because the folks who will use the resort will likely be urban people who think "glamping" and lodge resorts are "roughing it", and may be more likely to want to play on jet skis than paddle canoes. This would clearly have a detrimental impact on the animals, birds, and fish who depend on Holland Lake for their habitat. I think you may need a full EIS for this potential level of impact. I DON'T think tripling the size of the resort is a responsible use of Forest Service land. But then, as a retired FS employee, I guess I still believe the FS is charged with managing the land for all the people, not just people who want to make money off its use.