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Comments: The proposed Holland Lake Lodge (HLL) project should not proceed without an Environmental Assessment (EA). I do not agree that this project can proceed without an EA considering the scope of this project and significant changes that will impact the 15 acre area, specifically with the proximity of the project so near the lake shoreline, and the significant increase in human impact on the wildlife and resources in the area. The project represents a significant change to the Holland Lake Lodge, residents in the area, and individuals with approved use permits in the recreational residences area across the lake. This project deserves the due diligence of a completely public disclosure, public input, and Forest Service due diligence in disclosing the impact to the wild lands and residents. Simply saying an EA is not needed does not satisfy the public's desire for full disclosure by the Forest Service. The information presented in the Master Development Plan (MDP) and Scoping Package are written at a high level and offer few details of the environmental impact.

This scope of this project is unnecessary for the size of Holland Lake as it currently receives significant pressure from the existing lodge visitors, campground visitors, recreational residences, and local residents that enjoy it's solitude and beauty. Increasing the capacity of the lodge occupancy from roughly 50 ish to 156 as identified in the proposed plan is unacceptable. The additional construction is significant and much too close to the shoreline to not have an impact on the resources in the area. This increase in lodging as well as the significant expansion on the restaurant facilities will overwhelm the existing wastewater treatment facilities. The volume of wastewater generated from HLL will substantially increase with the increased occupancy and proposed restaurant. Has the work been done to demonstrate that this increased capacity will not require significant improvements to the wastewater treatment system? I believe the proposal simply says it will take a wait and see if it works, and maybe an additional lagoon will be built if needed. This is not acceptable and will likely contaminate the lake and/or groundwater.

In regard to the restaurant facility expansion, the restaurant does not need to be built to a capacity of 130. Restaurants typically turn over guests every 30-45 minutes with proper management. I know the HLL likes to host weddings and perhaps this is the reason the restaurant proposal is similar to the proposed occupancy of the facilities. I agree the HLL needs upgrades to the restaurant facilities but the proposed occupancy is too much for the facility. Especially, when the HLL does not welcome the public to utilize the restaurant unless you are a guest of the lodge.

In regard to the additional buildings and renovation of the Lodge and Barn, I think something needs to be done to the infrastructure of the complex. The Lodge is in need of repairs and upgrades to ensure the ongoing enjoyment of this historical building. It is a shame that this historical building has become in such disrepair to require this proposed plan for repairs and significant expansion. The proposal does not identify the current occupancy rates of HLL to justify the need for such an expansion. The proposal also does not adequately identify the demand for such accommodations in the area. In addition, the location of the proposed buildings (new lodge and cabins) are too close to the shoreline. Especially considering the recreational residences are set back from the shore line to maintain the beauty of the natural shoreline. The construction of the buildings and the removal of trees located near the shoreline is completely unnecessary and a negative impact on the natural beauty of the area. The additional buildings will create an increase in light pollution and noise pollution in the area. This noise will impact visitors in the neighboring campgrounds and users of the recreational residences across the lake. Has the Forest Service changed their position on the required setback from the shoreline?

The Holland Lake area is important habitat for bull trout, Mountain Lions, Bobcats, lynx, loons, ducks, foxes, beavers, black bears and grizzly bears. I have personal experience with encounters with some of this wildlife and recognize this is their home. I take precautions to avoid encounters using proper disposal of garbage and

storage of food items. Holland Lake area is already a high use area and the additional impact of the expansion project will be a significant impact on the wildlife. That interference needs to be thoroughly studied, documented, and the results communicated. Has the Forest Service completed a study of the wildlife impacts that can be provided to the public, or proposed measures to protect the wildlife?

In regard to the lake usage and the construction of floating docks. The Forest Service does not allow users of the recreational residence to construct floating docks for use in the lake or allow them to be tethered to the bottom of the lake. The presence of such floating docks presents a hazard to motorized watercraft. Floating docks are unnecessary obstacles in the water and degrade the beauty of the lake.

This proposal appears to be directed toward the convenience of attracting out of state visitors to a high end resort with the modern conveniences of home. The lodge current reflects the rustic beauty of the forest accommodations with access to hiking and water activities. The proposal will result in increased traffic, noise, and potential environmental degradation. The economic benefit of the project would largely be realized by POWDR and the brunt of the impact felt by local residents and users.

Holland Lake is a special place that is enjoyed by Montanans and out of state visitors. It has a rustic feel and beauty and the Forest Service has a duty to maintain the integrity of the area according to their land management plan (the plan). The Forest Service does not need to compromise the values that have maintained the natural beauty of the area. The Holland Lake Lodge facility expansion project will fundamentally change this and set a precedent for additional development in the Swan Valley.