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Comments: Hello Supervisor Steele and Flathead National Forest,

I do not agree with the proposed expansion of the Holland Lake Lodge Facility Improvement and Expansion project. This would be detrimental to the local ecosystem by bringing in more people into an already overcrowded community that does not possess the infrastructure to deal with ever-increasing numbers of tourists. Not only that, the Forest Service's actions in allowing this project to continue through the use of a Categorical Exclusion are arbitrary and capricious and therefore should not be allowed to continue as such. A project of this size and scope must use at the least an EA or EIS as required by NEPA. The number of users that would be interacting with the landscape as a direct result of the expansion of the Holland Lake lodge has the potential to cause real harm to the local flora, fauna and character of the Holland Lake area. The justification for relying on a CE for this project is thin, and the proposed updates and subsequent use will forever change and disturb the natural beauty and appeal of the area. Not only that, but by continuing this project in the current manner opens up the Flathead Lake National Forest to lawsuits and detrimental press. Please stop this project now and if you are set on continuing you must conduct an Environmental Impact Statement and release it to the public in a timely manner. This land is owned by the citizenry of the United States, not the Forest Service and certainly not POWDR.