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Dear U.S. Forest Service:

I'm writing to you on this day to urge this agency to do the responsible thing and require a full NEPA analysis of the proposed project at Holland Lake. Just because the Holland Lake Lodge is utilizing a special permit for its existence does not mean that they are immune from full scrutiny as proposed action threatens surrounding resources. It has been stated that a categorical exclusion is justifiable for this proposal. That is ridiculous.

I have some experience in working within a National Park boundary when installing an orifice line to a stream monitoring gage within the heart of Yosemite National Park. For a job that small that only required a shovel or two disturbance of bank material, that was approved with the use of a categorical exclusion. How does that compare with the massive construction that is proposed here at Holland Lake. This project makes a mockery of the NEPA system and that is not right.

Issues such as water pollution, wildlife corridor studies, loss of wildlife habitat, not to mention land disturbances are all matters of interest. Increased accessibility will impact noise levels on the ground, not to mention increase traffic. More visitation will increase more wildlife/man conflicts. It is also not right that the private interests make more money off of public lands.

This project will negate the reason as to why visitors want to visit the area in the first place. I see this just as another form of private exploitation over a public resource, and the public gets no reward from it. For all these reasons and more, I urge the Forest Service to at least demand a full NEPA analysis and at most, deny the proposed request of the new Holland Lake Lodge owners.

It is time to treat our resources with the reverence and respect they deserve.

Sincerely,