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Comments: Thank you for providing an opportunity to comment on the Holland Lake Lodge expansion proposal. At first glance it appears the proposal is too large for the site and too large for the Holland Lake Basin. It is likely that such a large expansion would detrimentally impact the physical site (vegetation, soil), Holland Lake water quality, other users of the lake and the lake basin (including campground users, recreation residence users, Wilderness visitors, adjacent private land cabin owners, and day users) and Wilderness values of the adjacent Bob Marshall Wilderness.

Before authorization to expand is permitted, these effects must be studied then publicly disclosed in a NEPA environmental document, most likely for the scope of this proposal, in an environmental impact statement. To categorically exclude this proposed action from full environmental review would not meet the intent of NEPA.

My specific questions/comments are:

1. What is the current carrying capacity of the Holland Lake Basin?
 2. How would tripling the current capacity of the Lodge affect the Basin's carrying capacity?
 3. What would be the effects of increased boat traffic to campground users? To Recreation Residence owners? To Day Users? To adjacent private land cabin owners?
 4. How would increased boat traffic affect the lake quality of Holland Lake (i.e. turbidity, water quality, etc.)?
 5. What would be the effects of increased noise levels to other Basin users?
 6. How will increased noise affect the adjacent Bob Marshall Wilderness? Will the whine of more boats on the lake carry deep into the Wilderness? How deep and to what effect?
 7. How will visual quality be affected by the proposed developments?
 8. What are the effects of a new 13,000 square foot lodge and ten 650 square foot cabins to lakeside vegetation? With any approved new construction, there should be a minimum setback distance required that maintains all existing lakeshore vegetation and maintains the visual quality of the lake.
 9. How will dust from increased traffic be addressed? What would be the effects of increased dust on vegetation, adjacent campground users, and water quality?
 10. How would proposed developments affect the existing character of the Holland Lake Lodge experience?
 11. Who really benefits from such a grandiose proposal?
 12. What is the desired future for Holland Lake Lodge and the Holland Lake Basin?
 13. Will the proposal meet the desired future of the Holland Lake experience?
 14. What would be the effects to lakeshore vegetation and water quality from tripling the capacity of the lodge?
- CLUE: effects won't be positive. They need to be disclosed in a NEPA document.

Replacing outdated sewage disposal and water delivery infrastructure is essential to maintain water quality of Holland Lake. Replacing existing cabins (with a further minimum setback) is acceptable. Adding some overnight cabins away from the lakeshore is probably acceptable as long as the above questions are satisfactorily addressed. Is a new lodge really needed? If additional lodging is determined to be necessary, do not impact the lakeshore or the visuals from the lake. Why should public lands be used for a new restaurant or a welcome center? If these facilities are deemed necessary, lodging, restaurant and welcome center should be incorporated into one facility away from the lakeshore. Consolidate wherever possible. Duplexes versus single cabins would reduce impacts to vegetation and visuals. Locate any new construction away from and not visible from the lake.

While some proposed improvements are understandable at Holland Lake Lodge, the proposal as presented is much too large to fit the site. The existing character of the Holland Lake Basin will be severely affected if the proposal is approved as proposed. Given the scope of the proposal, the effects to the existing environment must

be studied and disclosed in an environmental impact statement. These studies and documentation must be permittee costs as part of the proposal.