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Comments: The proposed expansion of the lodging at Holland Lake is to large of a change, far out of character with the existing uses and facilities.

I don't think this scale of development is what was contemplated when the land was originally put into a special use permit, so it is inappropriate to consider this to be categorically excludable from NEPA.

The proposed development/expansion will negatively change the look of the shoreline, the view from the lake and shoreline, will change the experience of other users enjoying an otherwise natural-looking, relatively quiet environment.

The amount of proposed parking and the increase in trampling/use right at the shore from the occupants of the proposed lodging will introduce sediment and other pollutants into the lake.

A more open and complete analysis should be conducted, considering the effect on other people (people not using the proposed lodging) who use and enjoy the lake, and clearly demonstrate that this proposal is the best use of the National Forest land in the permit area.

Though the current lodge/restaurant is much loved by many, it is apparently not economically viable at it's current scale. An alternative that has the facilities removed should be considered, pulling the concentrated use away from the shoreline.

Additionally, an alternative that keep the facilities at a similar capacity with a similar footprint should be analyzed.

I object to the construction of this amount of new facility under special use permit on public land. It is to difficult to wind back these types of commitments once permit holders have invested in the facilities. The analysis should address why this proposed facility could not be developed on privately-owned land.

The proposed lodging and restaurant would be a great development somewhere else on private land in the Seeley-Swan valley, but not on the National Forest lands at Holland Lake.