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Comments: I write to express my concern about the proposed expansion of the Holland Lake Lodge Facility. To date, over 4,200 comments on this expansion proposal have been submitted to the Forest Service, which reflects the consideration and concern that Montanans have regarding this project. While I understand you have extended the comment period, I ask that you give an additional extension and further analysis to the project to ensure that the public has had a full and fair opportunity to be heard regarding the proposed development.

The initial scoping letter and limited public comment period may inadvertently prevent the full participation and input from local stakeholders, including community councils, local and county stakeholders, private citizens and other Montanans that should be able to participate in public land decisions by the Forest Service. In addition, the proposed categorical exclusion from additional review should be carefully weighed. The public comments indicate significant concern about the impact of this project, and a more detailed analysis would provide the opportunity to take those comments into account.

Earlier this year I attended a community council meeting in the Swan Valley, and I know how deeply engaged Montanans are about the issues in this valley. Please consider extending public participation on this proposal and conducting a more detailed analysis of the direct and indirect impacts this proposed project would have on the area, neighbors, local communities, and Montana.

I welcome an opportunity to visit the area and meet with you personally to discuss this further.

Thank you for your consideration.

Monica Tranel