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Comments: I continue to have concerns about this proposed project and am feeling the Forest Service is rushing this proposal and leaving out input from the people who live here and will be affected most.

There definitely needs to be an environmental impact study done as there are numerous threatened and endangered species in this valley location. The propose area is butted up against a wilderness area, so that will be affected too by increased numbers of people.

I fear that the local people (we live here full time and have been here since 1980) will lose out by this huge expansion. This is a quiet lake that many locals have used for generations, and that will all change.

I would like to see the number of cabins and new buildings reduced significantly . ... or maybe just upgrade the historical buildings instead of tearing them down. That would allow less building.

I'd like to see any motorized vehicles on land, snow, or water discouraged and prohibited.

I would like to have any new buildings, including the cabins, set back from the lake so the noise pollution of your guests will not disrupt those enjoying the lake. Leaving a buffer of trees or bushes will make it look nicer from those using the lake.

I see that it is proposed that there be floating docks or rafts. I assume since that is not on the land, that these will be open for use by anyone... not just guests at your lodge. That would seem appropriate if you are using the water as your docking or swimming area that this be open to anyone in the public.

The huge increase in number of people staying at the lodge and cabins as proposed will effect not just the 15 acres you are leasing, but also the lake and trails and forest/wilderness. I really think you have to scale back on the great increase in size.

I fear that once this company has a lease approved that it will push even further to allow more and more and more added to their current proposal. The forest service by trying to rush this through makes that very possible in my opinion that any additions made by this company will be hidden from the public until it is too late. Sorry forest service, you have lost my confidence in being transparent on what you are doing with this public land and others like it.

I do appreciate that this company seems to ... at least on paper... want to protect the area, and has ideas on how to safely introduce this massive undertaking into our forest. But truthfully you must acknowledge that adding hundreds of people to an area is going to affect our quiet, our roads, our light pollution, our noise pollution.

For all of these reasons I request that a very thorough environmental study be done. And if you have to turn down this project for one of less size because of threats to the environment ... so be it.

Thank you for extending the comment period. ... though it appears you tried to sneak this whole project through quietly without considering the public who love this area the way it is.