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Comments: Good Day; I am writing to express my concern and outrage over the Flathead NF's decision to apply a Categorical Exclusion (CE) to the Holland Lake Lodge expansion. It should be obvious to even the most obtuse of Forest Supervisors that this is a very poor decision on all counts excepting perhaps someone's bottom line. The proposed project is not in the public interest (at least not the public I represent) and is most certainly not in the interest of natural resource conservation, a supposed primary mission of the USFS. Nowhere in your mission statement does it mention that thou shalt encourage the building of huge, exclusive vacation facilities that gobble up more resources and increase the state's carbon footprint. Please do your due diligence and properly evaluate this project under NEPA and the Endangered Species Act and create the EIS (and Biological Assessment) normally required of environmentally- impactful projects on public lands in this country.