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Comments: Dear US Forest Service,

I am opposed to the proposed expansion of the Holland Lake Lodge. Between the lease owners on the south side of the lake, the campers in the two campgrounds, the current lodge guests, the many day users, and the regular pack trips heading into Upper Holland and The Bob, the lake and the surrounding land is already overcrowded. The number of people one encounters on the hike to the falls is a good indicator that the area is already being "loved to death." Increasing user days as proposed will only serve to push the use beyond what the ecosystem can sustain - something we humans continue to do wherever there is compelling beauty. It's not the best way to care for what we love.

The proposed expansion will negatively impact the lake's water quality and the health of the aquatic species. Currently, the Holland Lake has a chance to recover after a busy summer season filled with boats and noise and the wastes humans generate. Having more people visit for more months will only serve to bring more noise, more impact, more sewage, more traffic, and more chaos. The expansion will ruin what people who visit Holland Lake want to experience - peace.