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Comments: I would like to weigh in on the proposed expansion of the Holland Lake Lodge facilities. My husband's family has been recreating at Holland Lake for over 50 years. My children are the 5th generation to fall in love with the lake.

I am opposed to the scope of the proposed expansion. I feel that it extends too far up the shoreline and that the proposed new lodge should not be so close to the lake. I feel that the increase in patrons will put too many people on the lake at once and cause safety issues. At the present time there is a good balance of kayaks, paddle boards, and ski or fishing boats. With courtesy, everyone can use the lake safely. I worry that this will change with such a large capacity increase at HLL.

I worry that the out of state owners will not understand Montana water laws and that the water and the shore up to high water mark are public. This is not the case in Utah. This can lead to unnecessary conflict with the Lodge owners, employees, and guests.

I worry that the increased water needs will eventually draw down the level of the lake.

I have encountered a bear at Holland Lake before. I worry that there will be more bear/human encounters with the increased footprint and capacity.

I hope that the Forest Service will conduct a thorough environmental impact review before approving this large expansion. I hope the project will be scaled down and that the shore and vistas of Holland Lake can be protected for another 5 generations of our family to enjoy.

Thank you.