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Comments: On principle, I as a member of the public from a state in which the US Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management both hold substantial acreage in trust for the people of the United States, do object to the proposed Holland Lake Lodge Facility Facility Improvement & Expansion #61746 going forward WITHOUT an Environmental Impact Statement and proper environmental review. I do NOT want a precedent set for projects of such scope being approved on the basis of a Categorical Exclusion (CE) being applied to such a project, as such a precedent could then be cited for using the CE provisions to exclude future projects on this or other National Forests from adequate environmental review.

Any expansion of the Holland Lake Lodge & Facility would necessarily require infrastructure expansion to handle an increased number of guests. At the least, this would require a larger parking facility and greater area for runoff engendering increased amounts of runoff from said parking lot(s) affecting groundwater or running into the lake. Increased guest use would also entail need for more septic or onsite sewer treatment capacity before waste water is released into groundwater and/or into the lake. Increased traffic will also impact wildlife in the area. Noise from increased and/or year round guest traffic volume will also impact wildlife. Nighttime lighting of parking lot(s) and buildings may also impact bird life, both populations that live in the area and migrating populations. Frequently lodging facility guests object to insects outdoors as well as indoors. The impact of any anticipated insect abatement measures on both terrestrial and aquatic plants and animals must also be evaluated for lodging and restaurant facilities in this and other projects in this or other National Forest lands.

Such potentials are why an Environmental Impact assessment must be provided for this and other facilities expansions. Simply having a small footprint is NOT adequate reason to apply the CE provision under NEPA for small projects, as the impacts of 33,000 square feet of built environment (plus parking lots) will necessarily impact much more than the 15 acres included in the existing Special Use Permit. As it stands applying the CE to such an expansion may be bad for flora and fauna affected by this project and certainly sets a BAD PRECEDENT for projects in this or other National Forests managed by the USFS.

Thank you for the forest land management you do and for taking my concerns into consideration.