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Our family has owned property just north of Holland Lake for 57 years. I am also a retired Forest Ranger stationed in the South Fork for over 10 years. I lead pack strings out of the Holland Lake area and into the Bob Marshall for many years. There are a number of reasons that this project, as written, should be denied. The lasting effects on wildlife, the lake, the wilderness and the experience of the public who enjoy recreating in and around Holland Lake would be profound and irreversible.

It is imperative that the potential impacts of this expansion and development project be properly evaluated using an Environmental Impact Statement rather than a categorical exclusion (CE). A CE is inappropriate given the scope and magnitude of the proposed project.

Essentially the project should be rescoped to include maintenance and simple upgrades that retain the rustic aspect of the lodge and the experience of those who stay there. This would also sustain the experiences of the public who do not have an opportunity to stay at the lodge, but can camp, hike, and enjoy the other aspects of the lake, forest, wildlife and wilderness.

Sincerely,

Dave Owen