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Comments: This is in regards to the proposed expansion of the current privately held lodge at Holland Lake. My wife and I were at Holland Lake for the first time this last week. We found it serene, quiet, beautiful. The trail to Holland Falls afforded spectacular views with reflections of the surrounding hills and distant mountains in the tranquil lake. We plan to visit again, hopefully many times; with our son and his family. We would like to bring our grandsons to the beach in the day use area allowing our son and daughter-in-law to hike to the falls. We hope to kayak Holland Lake.

I cannot envision how the tranquility and beauty of the area will be maintained with the expansion of the current lodge to a much larger luxury resort.

My wife and I lived in Coeur d'Alene, ID for over forty years, having moved to Missoula last year. We witnessed the impact on the community transitioning to a resort town and how the tenor of the downtown became less welcoming to residents, how hiking trails became crowded with people lacking respect for the environment and lacking trail etiquette; how the lake is never still during the summer, roiled constantly by boat chop and noisy wake boats. We used to be able to find time when Coeur d'Alene Lake was quiet enough to kayak serenely. Not anymore.

I don't see how, with the expansion of the resort at Holland Lake, wildlife won't be compromised, trails and roads won't experience quicker erosion, the environment won't be impacted. The expansion construction itself will deteriorate roads, raise dirt and dust, coat plant life, chase away the wildlife. After construction is completed, when the new resort becomes operational, there will be more people traveling the roads, not only guests, but employees of the resort and deliveries of supplies, food/beverages and services. This will result in more fatalities to wildlife. More people at the significantly larger resort will result in more wildlife/human encounters, in which the wildlife always loses.

In no way is any of this representative of being good stewards of the land. Please don't allow for this expansion. Leave it as it is.