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Comments: I strongly oppose the proposed development of Holland Lake Lodge.

Many others have written compelling letters because they (e.g., Dr. Sherheen, Juan Curtis, North Fork Preservation Association) understand the forest service regulations and procedures, have fish and wildlife knowledge, and understand the ecology of the Holland Lake area. I am writing from the perspective of a camper, lodge guest, hiker, canoer, and a person who loves Montana's outdoors.

I, my family, and guests have visited Holland lake as campers, guests at the Lodge, and day hikers for over 40 years. From my perspective, the only thing that would improve Holland Lake is a few more camping spots. It does not need more cabins, a fancy restaurant, fewer trees, more pollution, or out of state developers.

We spent 2 nights at the lodge 2 summers ago. The disrepair of the buildings was very obvious to my spouse, a retired carpenter/contractor. That disrepair is not a reason to allow the development currently proposed. Letting the buildings fall into disrepair was managements decisions. We stayed at a similar sized lodge/cabin operation, borders the Bob Marshall Wilderness, this summer. That operation's buildings are in excellent shape as are the grounds. That the other operation, which is more remote and charges less money, can maintain the buildings and earn a profit suggests the current lease holder is responsible for the disrepair. Thus, they should not be allowed to use the disrepair as an excuse to develop and expand the lodge into an upscale resort.

Please preserve the Holland Lake area for all and for future generations.

Sincerely

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