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Dear Mr. Steele and Ms. Mavor and all USFS personnel involved to the decision:

I am against the proposed expansion of Holland Lake Lodge. My Father, Uncle and Grandfather built our cabin on leased land in

the 1950's. We have been coming up here my whole life to enjoy the lake and the valley. I have been bringing my children and grandchildren

up to play, learn, work, relax since they were newborns. They have been taught to care for the lake and the environment while they are here.

We spend part of each day we are at our cabin working on cleaning up the brush, downed trees, anything possible to make it better, then we go play.

The USFS needs to give us more time for comments, When I first heard about this it was Labor Day weekend. We knew someone that heard from builders that they were taking bids or something on a job to redevelop Holland Lake Lodge. We finally received something in the mail on

Sept 6th AFTER the Holiday about the plans and the meeting scheduled for Sept 8th, all it gave was a link to a website. NOT ALL PEOPLE HAVE INTERNET ACCESS to get this information. Since this was in the works for MONTHS why were we not notified during the summer? Waiting until the summer is over and all those that come camping, fishing, swimming, hiking dure the summer to go home and may will not hear about this until it's too late. The least that could have been done is post signs in the campgrounds, parking areas, boat launch that expansion plans

were in the works? Some of these summer guests come yearly and may not find out what is possibly going to happen to their beloved lake until it's too late. Also, what is with the trailer that has been parked at the lodge, dated 6/23/22, has this been approved by the USFS? As a lessee we are required to get permission for changes to our property, has this been happening? How about the continuing change in number of acres on the lease? 10.53 to 15 acres or more? If this does go through, the buildings are being placed too close to the water's edge, the buildings are getting too close to the Loons nesting area. What happens when the sewer lagoon fails?

A CE is inappropriate for this and an EIS needs to be completed before continuing on any part of this. Holland Lake is too small for the numbers proposed here. We have recently been blessed with nesting Loons on the lake and it has been exciting to watch them grow up.

We have seen Black Bears, Grizzly Bears, Mountain Lions, Fox, Loons, Bull Trout, Beaver, Ducks, Bald Eagles, Elk, Deer. Some on our Game Cameras, some in person. Yes, you say you will EDUCATE the public on the wildlife. How do you plan on educating them? By having a class each time, you see someone new? Have pamphlets available for the public to grab? (If they want). The only way to protect the wildlife is to minimize the number of people. Tripling the size of the Lodge is not the way to do it. The Water Quality will be threatened by the increased number of people,

boat traffic, garbage in the area will attract more bears and then get them conditioned to eat garbage then they will end up being nuisance bears and be killed. We have already seen a number of people camping all along the lake which is scary as they are not camping in designated camping areas, no fire rings, no toilets, that will only increase the more we are priced out of affordable recreation. It is only a matter of time before a fire gets away from someone and the whole place will be burnt to the ground. How do you plan on protecting the Water, the Wildlife?

Okay, so you need to repair the buildings to continue serving the public, why haven't you been doing this all

along? That is part of the Lease that has been signed. With the price of weddings, you should have been able to work on at least something each and every year. Those of us that own cabins have to continually work on them to keep them in good repair.

The HLL has discouraged the LOCALS from stopping by to eat/drink show people around. Years ago, we were welcomed to stop in. Now if we stop in, we are frowned upon, shooed away so we don't show the RICH customers what the locals look like? This is a public facility on PUBLIC land.

I have read MANY great letters that explain this in much better ways than I am able. Please heed the desires, wishes, concerns of all of the comments. Montana does not need more HIGH- END resorts. This development would price the LOCALS out of enjoying it.

The locals love this lake as its clean, easy to get to, easy places to take your children swimming, hiking.

Thank you for listening AND please do the right thing. Deny this expansion and make sure that anything else proposed takes care of the land, the wildlife, the water. Once developed it can never be undone. Montana is THE LAST BEST PLACE. Let's keep it that way.

Thank you,  
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