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Comments: The U.S. Forest Service should not be in the business of cultivating, encouraging, or otherwise assisting in the process of making yet more of the nation's dwindling store of un- or lightly-developed public lands inaccessible to middle-class and working families. The proposed expansion and development of the Holland Lake lodge and surrounding property is clearly -- indeed, unabashedly -- aimed at a wealthy clientele seeking easy access to an otherwise remote and still somewhat pristine mountain region for the purposes of motorized snow sport and related recreation.

It is an insult, in many ways, that the U.S. Forest Service is even considering a categorical exclusion for this project at a time when the agency ought to be discovering new ways to diversify access to public lands, and to open up resources precisely like Holland Lake to historically underrepresented groups. This includes communities of color and other Americans watching an ever-increasing share of the nation's wealth (and wild lands) siphoned to a small percentage of families anchored to the top of the income ladder.

This project is not for working people. It is not for you and your families. It is planned as a winter playground for a wealthy minority. Please remember this, and reconsider what you are doing here.