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Comments: I would like to submit my objection to the Forest Service's current regulatory path for approval of the Holland Lake Lodge expansion. I have worked in the environmental consulting business for over 30 years. I realize that industry has always had a bad reputation when it comes to environmental/social concerns which is why they consistently have to go through the NEPA process no matter what the scenario, but why would an out-of-state large developer not be considered in the same light?

The current proposed development is described as being "improvements", there is more than just improvements within the proposed development. I do not understand why the Forest Service is circumnavigating the established protocol of requiring an Environmental Assessment (EA) to determine both environmental and social impacts with the proposed development? As a concerned citizen, Montana state resident, and taxpayer, all I'm asking is that the Forest Service follows the NEPA process and fulfills their due diligence to look at all impacts and disclose those impacts, if indeed there are any impacts, that is the process?

I am not condoning industry and their history of poor practices but they always seem to be the easy target when there are so many other non-industry developments that can have just as much impact. Just because they are categorized differently should not mean they are excluded from the process.

Thank you for your time.