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Comments: I am opposed to any expansion of Holland Lake Lodge for the following reasons:

1. The water quality along the northwest shore will be compromised by the increased damage to the lake bank from the increased user days that will come with lodge expansion. In 1972, fifty years ago, I clearly remember the pristine nature of the lake when I first visited it before hiking into the Bob Marshall Wilderness via the Holland Lake Trail. The rocky lake shore was clearly visible in all the glorious colors of mineralization present in the Swan Valley. Green, red, yellow, white, blue, tan and black rock and pebbles were easily visible along the shore. Today, all that beauty is hidden beneath a thick layer of silt due to the eroding banks and road dust. Aquatic insect life has been strangled by the silt.

2. Increased usage of the Holland Lake area will be detrimental to the threatened mammalian populations of grizzly bear, lynx, and wolverine. Also hanging on by a thread at Holland Lake is the habitat necessary for the loon. An expanded Holland Lake Lodge will bring many more kayak, canoe and other boating user days.

3. The Holland Lake Lodge should not have its lease renewed when it runs out so that the lake can have a better chance to recover its pristine quality. This is opposite of the Forest Service allowing increased usage. At the very least, the Forest Service should be issuing a full environmental impact statement after doing a full environmental impact study. At this time the Forest Service plans only a "categorical exclusion" which is very telling bureaucratic lingo for planning to do nothing, or, actually, planning to make things worse.

Thank you for reading this.