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Comments: Forest Supervisor Steele:

I am writing in regard to the proposed Holland Lake Lodge Facility Improvement & Expansion #61746. My family and I own a home which borders Holland Creek and is only a short walk to the lake. We have owned the property since the early 1970's and were frequent campers at the Holland Lake campgrounds for many years prior to purchasing that land.

On behalf of my family, we have grave concerns over the impact a 52 room lodge and resort would have on wildlife and the accessibility of the lake to the general public. Higher capacity and year round use would increase the human encounters with wildlife which is never in the best interest of the animals. It would also mean more traffic to interfere with the natural movement of wildlife.

Holland is a small lake with a quaint atmosphere. Removing trees, adding more buildings and parking areas will spoil the intimate, serene beauty that currently exists. Who wants to look across the lake and see people and cars where once there was vegetation and trees? Additionally, Higher demand in such a small space may increase costs for recreating in the area and price out those who can't afford to compete, namely most of the locals.

Please consider the best interests of the wildlife, the environment, and the local community rather than dollar signs.

Respectfully,
Catherine Ahlin-Moore