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Comments: Hello,

I would like to comment on the Holland Lake Lodge proposal. I would like to specifically direct my comments to the wastewater issue. As former director of the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC), I have experience with water issues in the vicinity of Holland Lake, specifically Seeley Lake and Placid. Water quality in Seeley Lake has over the years been degraded from septic systems leaking into the lake. This has been insidious. The Sewer District continues to address problems inside and outside the district. It's an on-going, expensive effort. While Holland Lake has a wastewater system - built by the Forest Service, the data is incomplete and significant increased usage would impact the system, eventually affecting water quality in Holland Lake. I believe the analysis for water water has been insufficient.

Furthermore, I believe it would be a mistake to turn the system - inadequate as it is- over to a private entity. Analyzing the current system, needs for a better system, and ownership must be better addressed in the proposal and the EIS. Once water quality is degraded, it is very difficult to return to high quality!

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.