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Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this project.

First, this project definitely needs full analysis. The proposed "improvement" project presents many potential problems. An improvement on the lodge is one thing, the expansion including cabins up to 156 guest is a completely different matter.

My family and I have visited Holland Lake since the late sixties. We have camped, canoed, fished, and renewed on this beautiful spot. We have hiked into the Bob. In simplest terms, the proposed expansion would permanently desecrate a sacred place beloved by many for the benefit of a few.

The statement is made that this project would "enhance the visitor experience." This would enhance the "visitor experience" of the few able to afford cabins and expensive meals. It is extremely doubtful that it would enhance the "visitor experience" of those who have been coming to this spot for generations nor those who own rustic cabins on the lake.

The drainage from the Yellowstone club has already permeated the Gallatin River. Holland Lake is much more susceptible to sewage from increased cabins and use. The Lodge sits on the shore, new cabins just above. The potential for the pollution of the lake is real!

Noise and water pollution will increase with more power boats. It is a small lake. Noise from more boats will affect serenity. Oil and fuel spills are inevitable. There will be increased congestion not only on the water, but on the roads and general area. The list continues of the negative impacts of the "improvement."

I recently attended the 50th anniversary of the Scapegoat Wilderness north of Lincoln. The original plan was to build a highway through the Scapegoat with the potential not only for logging but commercial development. This plan has similar ramifications. Fortunately, it was stopped.

The lodge does need repairs. More rustic camping spaces may be needed. Creative thinking by the forest service is crucial. The plan as perceived will destroy one of the most beautiful spaces and experiences in Montana. Please, please, please go back to the drawing board.

Thank you for listening.