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Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to make these public comments. Due to the huge scope of this proposed project and the short period for public comment I ask that you extend the time allowed for comments past the October 6, 2022 date.

I oppose the proposed Holland Lake Lodge expansion on public land just outside of the Bob Marshall Wilderness and recommended wilderness, which would negatively impact Wilderness, wildlife, and public use of national forest land that belongs to all of us.

I especially strongly oppose the use of a Categorical Exclusion (CE) to determine the environmental report for this huge, landscape altering proposed project. This is flat the WRONG way to use CE's. I request a full EIS to be conducted in order to fully review potential environmental issues including but not limited to: air and water degradation, conflicts with endangered species protections, conflict with adjoining Wilderness lands and sacred grounds to Native American tribes.

The Forest Service (FS) should prepare an environmental impact statement that considers the full range of potential impacts at Holland Lake and the surrounding public lands, including the Bob Marshall Wilderness.

The impacts from this inappropriate development would be felt far beyond the immediate area, which is already facing increased development and recreation pressure up and down the Swan valley. The commercialization of the area will result in huge increases of people who could be here year-round thus threatening our public lands surrounding the area, including the Bob Marshall Wilderness and recommended wilderness. This is unconscionable and a complete lack of consideration to the 'people' of our state and nation that own these lands and have little or no say in their discretionary uses---in this process that has been flawed from the start.

It has become clear to all that the FS is playing favorites with private corporate interests over the people's interest that their charter expects them to serve.

Listen to the people, the thousands of outraged voices in opposition to this game-changing, wrongly directed proposal and start all over again---or dismiss this outrageous proposal now, in it's tracks. You have the authority and now you have the public's firm and complete backing to do so.

Respectfully submitted, Oct 6, 2022, Jim Parker