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Comments: To whom this concerns,

Holland Lake has been a source of recreation for our family since 1968. With my grandsons visit to Holland Lake this summer, that makes four generations of my family that have been able to enjoy the peaceful, serene, beauty of Holland Lake. There is no other place like it.

I am OPPOSED to the proposed changes to the lodge and surrounding property partly for practical reasons and partly for emotional reasons.

I do not believe that the surrounding environment and ecosystem will benefit from the impacts proposed. Water quality will suffer from the amount of waste water produced from such a facility. The ground there is so porous that it is inevitable that leaching of NITROGEN RICH WASTE WATER will seep into the lake. There is greater potential for INVASIVE AQUATIC SPECIES with compounding the number of visitors. Both of these impacts are irreversible. Then there are the impacts on endangered species, visible, loons are now nesting there, and less visible including grizzly bears, lynx and others.

On an emotional note, there is no other place like it, why ruin it? It is a quintessential Montana gem, a treasure, that should not be impacted by big money and volumes of humans. Gifford Pinchot founded the Forest Service on the basis of "the greatest good for the greatest number". This project is not for the greatest good. The amount of money required for this expansion only suggests exclusivity not to mention the precedent for other such locations that should be protected. (Imagine a lodge on every mountain lake)

Thank you for allowing for comments and please execute a decision that is for the greatest good for the greatest number.

Hugh Peterson