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Comments: I write to oppose the proposed Holland Lake Lodge expansion. I am a frequent visitor to the region as well as lover of wildlife.

This expansion is on our public lands. As the location is on Wilderness and public lands, it would negatively impact the Bob Marshall Wilderness and recommended Wilderness, as well the wildlife that inhabit the land in question.

Moreover, this proposed development would negatively impact far beyond just the immediate area, which is already under increased pressure due to more development and more and more people recreating here. This development would bring more and more people into the area year-round. This land is actually the best known habitat from many of our native wildlife, including endangered species. These animals include grizzly bears, wolverine, lynx and other native animals. Bringing more animals into the area - especially those not familiar with how to coexist with these animals - would negatively impact wildlife which rely on wilderness for species survival.

The proposed development would also bring in more air traffic in the form of heliskiing, heli-hiking as well as mountain biking, bike races, and other outdoor recreation activities put on by the proposed year-round resort and larger trailhead parking. The wildlife referenced above do not mix with any of these activities. Indeed, these activities would significantly reduce the "wilderness" in the Bob Marshall Wilderness and recommended wilderness.

I urge the Forest Service to request the proposed Holland Lake Lodge expansion. If a complete rejection is not issued, at a minimum, an environmental impact report should be prepared which details the full range of potential impacts at Holland are and the surrounding public lands, including the Bob Marshall Wilderness. Thank you for the opportunity to submit public comment.