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Comments: This proposal to expand the operations at Holland Lake Lodge exceeds the scope of a Categorical Exclusion and at a minimum needs to be analyzed under an Environmental Assessment but more realistically, an Environmental Impact Statement is necessary. I believe if this expansion were to happen, it would cause a significant impact to the area around Holland Lake that would be very difficult, if not impossible to mitigate. I am concerned with impacts to the natural resource and environment around the lake including, water quality of Holland Lake, wildlife and possible increase in conflicts with wildlife. I am concerned with how going from a seasonal operation to year round will affect wildlife in the area as well as the recreational experience of everyone who is already uses Holland Lake and the surrounding forest. I am very concerned with increased noise and night time light pollution on Holland Lake. The lake is already a popular wedding venue and wedding parties on the lawn of the lodge regularly go late into the night. I am concerned with impacts to the rustic and rural character of Holland Lake, the Swan Valley. I am concerned if this expansion were to happen, Holland Lake Lodge would cater to the ultra wealthy only and regular people, the current users, will be excluded and that this will in turn spread to the surrounding area and Holland Lake will be come an exclusive playground for the wealthy.