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Comments: I grew up in Montana and my family has owned a cabin near Holland Lake for approximately 30 years. We have spent a lot of time at Holland Lake Lodge over the years and the place is very special to us, as it likely is for many others who spend time there. I am very concerned that the proposal documents note the intention to categorically exclude the proposed project from documentation in an environmental impact statement or an environmental assessment. As other documents in the proposal note, the Holland Lake/Swan Valley area is home to many wildlife species. These species include the grizzly bear, a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act, and the Common Loon, a Species of Concern in Montana. I am concerned about the impact of the proposed expansion of Holland Lake facilities and subsequent increased foot traffic in the area on these species, as well as other species, and on the surrounding communities. I believe that at a minimum, an environmental assessment should be conducted prior to approval of this proposal to ensure the protection of these species and other species, as well as to ensure preservation and protection of the Holland Lake area for future generations. I strongly request an environmental assessment to be required for this project.