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Comments: To whom it may concern,

As a Swan valley resident, I am very concerned regarding the Holland Lake Lodge (HLL) expansion project. I, along with many of my friends and neighbors, have been hurriedly working to catch up on the breadth and depth of the proposed project. It has been compelling to attend local gatherings on this topic, both with private audiences (locals only), and more formal gatherings including with Forest Service, Christian, and POWDR attendance. I feel strongly that this topic demonstrates how our country's founding fathers intended for democracy to work.

At this time, I am strongly against the current expansion proposal. I feel that there has been a lack of due diligence in formulating a robust plan for varied impact analysis. As a retired engineer, I am well versed in research and the scientific process.

I do not support the current position of applying a categorical exclusion to the expansion project special use permit. In my opinion, the application of a CE in this project case, is incorrect and should be reassessed.

Beyond obvious properly scoped NEPA analysis, I believe that an analysis regarding impact to the surrounding infrastructure be performed, and additional plans added to mitigate implications. I believe that the State of Montana should be invoked regarding the impacts to MT Highway 83. There appear to me to many threats to the current state of public safety near and along Condon, MT, if this project expansion comes to fruition.

The Forest Service has failed to consider the significant environmental impacts to species, including endangered, and to critical habitats that will result from the large construction project planned. The Holland Lake area is home to endangered species and borders the Bob Marshall wilderness area. The fact that very little, if any, discussion of the effects of the project on animals and the wilderness area prove that there is insufficient analysis of individual, and cumulative effects of this project.

I would like to continue with additional comments in the future, and as to what events transpire.

Respectfully,

Earl W. Miller