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Comments: U.S. Forest Service,

DO NOT ACCEPT the current proposed plan by PWDER and Christian Wohlfeil to "develop" the existing Holland Lake Lodge site.

In my opinion, the current plan is one-sided and does not respect the public's interest.

Nor does the plan respect the animals, plants, water, soil and rocks that have been established since the beginning of the Holocene. A period of time starting roughly 12,000 yrs ago.

Our world is losing valuable wild places and critical habitat due to human activity. Respectable scientists of the day are forecasting our current period of time as one of the greatest mass extinction events in the Earth's history. This unfortunate reality of rapid loss of plant and animal species is now dubbed the Anthropocene. It is entirely brought about by human activity harming the established natural order of the world.

Throughout the world precious remaining ecosystems are stressed by the presence of humans. Some of the greatest biologists of our day such as the late E.O. Wilson and David Attenborough are calling for a 50/50 strategy of protected land vs. developed land across the planet. It is the belief of many in the life science community that we must act now to protect wild places or the world will face ecological collapse accelerated by climate change and an increasing human population.

Are we really protecting Holland lake's (and for that matter Earth itself) vital ground with more parking for RV's? Can the lake and its wild organisms handle an increased number of visitors? Is there a study that shows increased hotel guests will not harm native species that require solitude such as the Loons nesting nearby?

Is not the owner of the lodge in some capacity both a steward of the built heritage and the pristine landscape? Should anyone today with the Earth's looming climate crisis be allowed to buy the lodge only to monetize its surroundings?

Whatever the answer is to those questions, there is at least still a chance to preserve the tranquility of the lake and discover its "soul" without the help of PWDR's marketing. I find the 12,000 years of Holland Lake's fully intact Holocene flora and fauna to be soulful every time I visit.

Who besides Mr. Wohlfeil or PWDR is calling for this encroachment on the public's wild places?

In the interest of the future generations - please reject any offer to develop business opportunities in exchange for nothing given back to the natural world.