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Comments: To Kurt Steele or Whom it may concern at the Flathead USFS,

Re: proposed Holland Lake Development

We wish to express a resounding NO as to any development as described regarding the Holland Lake Lodge area, especially with an outside entity with no ties to Montana.

We have camped in the Holland Lake Campground with our family, enjoying the clean and primitive sites. The quietness of the area, including the lake, is what makes this experience so special. During one very memorable early spring campout the water was very cold. We embraced this with canoeing and walking in the shallows looking for minnows with our young Grandson. It was wonderfully peaceful.

We have continued to enjoy the quiet beauty of the lake. At age 72 I (Nana) recently, and proudly learned to stand-up Paddle-board alongside my 9 year old Grandson. Because of the quietness of the lake, with not as much boat activity or visitors, the calmer waters encourage all kinds of water recreation. I moved around amongst canoes, swimmers, and other paddle-boarders, all very loving and respectful.

Holland Lake is serene. It's peacefully quiet with the occasional Loons speaking so beautifully in the backdrop, and echoes of laughter and family fun from across the lake.

As it stands, Holland Lake draws those of us seeking a quiet retreat with beauty and outdoor sounds that compliment, and don't disturb us. This pristine area is so unique and precious in its quietness. We are drawn to it as we try to wind down from our too busy lives. We know that the proposed development would change this, as we know from personal experience that you can't have both, development and continued peacefulness.

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