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Comments: After reviewing the applicable documents on the proposed expansion, I must vehemently oppose this project in its nature. I for one, would prefer the Holland Lake Lodge to disappear as opposed to be expanded for several reasons the Forest Service seems to have not considered.

1. The cultural integrity surrounding Holland Lake and the Swan Valley would be irreparably compromised. It is horrific to think that the Forest Service would be in support of taking a local favorite that already experiences high traffic from local people and displace them by catering to wealthy elites that care little for the land and have no consequences to their actions.

2. The increase in tourists from out of state will undoubtedly increase intoxicated driving incidences on the roads in the Swan Valley. I have past experience working at Paws Up, a similar type of resort to that which is proposed, and can say from first-hand experience this will result in tragedy for the community. I grew up in Condon, MT and would be disgusted to see that increase in this type of behavior and have relatives and close friends who could be victims of this effect.

3. The Forest Service has a hard enough time getting basic forest management which involves sustainable principles. How can it be fine proposing a project that is direct deforestation? I have no qualms with cutting trees, as it is my very occupation, but I am not in the business of deforestation.

Overall, I see this proposed expansion as a tragedy that something of this extent and harm to a community a black mark on the Forest Service's history as stewards of a forest. I sincerely hope the massive public outcry in opposition to this project proves successful for the public and that we can have faith in our civil processes.