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Comments: Hello,

I love Holland Lake and frequently recreate there with my family. It is a beautiful place that deserves to be cherished and protected for the residents of Montana. The Holland Lake Lodge permit proposal seems to be rife with potential problems that will emerge in the future if clarity is not achieved here and now.

The new owners have already ***stated publicly*** that they will need to expand in order to make the lodge financially viable. Nowhere have they committed to not doing so, aside from (apparently) this permit application.

However, the permit materials state that "Use consistent with activities permitted under term resort special use authorization (SUA) and in the ***same scope and footprint*** as the existing authorization." This seems disingenuous, and we are all concerned (justifiably, after the last go-round of this) that expansion after the fact will be presented as a fait accompli. Adding additional capacity is highly likely to negatively affect the surrounding environment and put more pressure on the area's natural resources and wildlife.

The owners need to submit a full Master Development plan now, not within the next 5 years, that details how they plan to make the lodge profitable within the current scope, and a commitment to pay for repairs to the sewage system. I appreciate that the FAQs state that "The full [sewage] system will not be used until it has been repaired," but this repair needs to be on the owner's dime, not ours. The public does not benefit from the Lodge facilities.

Having the full story and all the information is crucial to conducting an environmental assessment and ensuring that the lodge will remain financially viable. None of us want to be facing the same issue again in another few years when these owners pull out.

Thank you for taking the time to read my concerns.