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Comments: Mr. Jacobsen, the permit applicant for Holland Lake Lodge, has said repeatedly that he would have to expand the facility to roughly double revenue in order for the Lodge to be economically viable.

The Flathead National Forest Service is trying mightily to ignore this fact.

It intends to authorize a 20-year permit for over ten acres of public land along the shore of Holland Lake without ever considering the impacts on this spectacular place.

With no limits on future expansion, or prior approval of a master development plan, the permit is pretty much a blank check.

As recent experience demonstrates, the whole idea of setting any limits on expansion is foreign to the Forest Service.

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Please consider making the following points and any of your own:

??Flathead National Forest (FNF) should not issue a new special use permit until the wastewater lagoons have been repaired or replaced, and wastewater infrastructure owned by the permit holder have been thoroughly inspected and repaired as needed, and there is a reliable and safe wastewater system in operation. ??The Montana Department of Environmental Quality found that the existing wastewater system for Holland Lake Lodge was leaking thousands of gallons of effluent into ground every day. ??Other evidence suggests that the sewage holding tank within the permit area is also leaking.

??FNF must deny any application for a new special use authorization that is not economically viable. The current permit holder has stated publicly the current operation is not economically viable. Mr. Jacobsen, the applicant for a new permit, has stated publicly that the current Lodge is not economically viable and he will need to expand the Lodge in order to double revenue. The Flathead National Forest said as much in its September 1, 2021, scoping letter announcing the proposed Holland Lake Lodge Facility Expansion Project.