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Comments: . The new Operating Plan is a full rewrite of any previously submitted plans. Even with just the very minimal information provided in the new plan, it's easy to see it will be a big change.
They've listed the Dates of Operation as: "Year-round, minimum occupancy for guests, June 1 - August 30." BUT….Year-round occupancy has not occurred in over 20 years and never has under the current permit. The impact of this increased occupancy has not been studied, and if the wastewater plant is rebuilt in a similar style to the current, it has significant limitations to handle waste water generated after hard freezes begin. (Wastewater has to be stored over the winter and then handled in the spring when groundwater is very high.) Also, June 1 - August 30 does not meet the minimum required days of operation of the Special Use Permit or any of the recent Operating Plans. The combination of these two changes do not meet the current Special Use Permit and give no clarity to actual planned operations.

The next topic, housing of owners/employees on site, is not allowed in the existing SUP and not allowed by Forest Service policy (as explained below.) The plan stated "Site Management Activities Authorized within the Permit Boundary, see Site Drawing." But there is no Site Drawing attached, so the public has no idea what this even entails. The current owners cabin constructed in 2009 was not authorized and is not listed in the existing Special Use Permit authorized facilities.

Employee housing: according to the Forest Service Manual (FSM 2341.5) is only allowed if: (1) "clear and convincing need" for 24-hour, on-site property protection and/or emergency services, and (2) the commuting time between the permit area and the nearest private property for permittee housing exceeds one hour. The existing (unauthorized) caretaker's cabin already satisfies #1 and there is private property for employee housing within one hour. Thus, any additional employee housing within the permit area would violate official Forest Service policy.

??The Forest Service should not be subsidizing an individual private business by providing free public land for employee the FNF should prepare an environmental analysis (EA) or impact statement (EIS) that addresses the combined impacts of the proposed annual operating plan, proposed 20-year resort permit, and reconstruction of the wastewater lagoons. They are all connected and would have cumulative effects on the lake, surrounding public lands, and the people who live and recreate in the Area.