

September 15, 2022.

To Flathead Forest Supervisor Kurt Steele:

I have attended weddings at Holland Lake Lodge, paddle-boarded the lake, and hiked the shorelines of Holland Lake for many years. I am alarmed to think that this lovely, quiet little gem of a lake is at risk of becoming the playground of the wealthy, or even that it might fill this small quiet lake with jet skis, lots of motorboats, and the like. The last thing we need on Holland Lake is an all-season corporate resort and marina.

Holland Lake Lodge is a lovely traditional Lodge. Its charm derives from the fact that it is not some sleek, expensive resort. Unlike Flathead Lake or, to a lesser extent, Seeley Lake, Holland Lake is an accessible, natural, wild, and quiet lake. Flathead and Seeley Lakes might be able to handle something like the POWDR Corporation's corporate mega-resort. Holland Lake cannot.

This POWDR mega-resort marina project is not suitable for categorically excluded fast tracking. Holland Lake involves special circumstances, including protected species, a recommended wilderness, historical features, wetlands, and a delicate natural lake whose very nature has provided experiences that include large healthy doses of quiet forest solitude in all seasons.

As a public land owner, I feel no responsibility to sacrifice the quality natural lake experience for this project. Instead, this project requires your agency to provide an unbiased and thorough review. We live in Montana because we love Montana. I don't live in Montana because I wish it were more like Colorado. I do not want Montana to turn into a playground exclusively for the wealthy.

I request a full environmental analysis with an eye toward determining whether a full environmental impact statement is advisable.

I request consideration of a range of more suitable alternatives that fully preserve the Holland Lake experience. A marina and mega-resort would destroy Holland Lake.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Loving Montana,

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