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Comments: Holland Lake and the surrounding landscape is an incredibly special place for many Montanans, human and non-human. My daughter and I were there last spring on our annual visit and we were hiking up to Upper Holland Lake. We marveled at the beauty of the waterfalls and we sang songs together for the last several miles because we saw huge grizzly tracks along the trail. We ventured on carefully, but also in awe, respect, and gratitude that we were visiting the bears' home. The proposed POWDR expansion at Holland Lake will disrupt this relatively quiet and secluded area for humans (increased noise, traffic, etc), and non-humans (species that live in the lake and large mammals that are sensitive to humans). The increased development will have inevitable impacts on water quality, impacting fish and other aquatic species. It would push grizzlies and lynx further into the Bob Marshall into less productive habitat and increase the probability of bear-human conflicts.

Please pursue a full EIS so that the public can continue to be engaged to advocate for wildlands and wildlife. We humans have put ourselves and our economics first for WAY too long. You know that and I know that. Please do the right thing for Holland Lake.

Thank You,
Ashley