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Comments: I'm troubled by the language in POWDR's FAQs regarding the Future of Holland Lake Lodge. "We are confident that the impact of increased guests will be MINIMAL [emphasis mine] on the surrounding environment. For instance, the current property can accommodate 50 guests, and the updated property has room for 150 guests. By comparison, the nearby Holland Lake Campground has a group site that allows up to 100 people. WHILE THIS MAY SEEM TO SOME LIKE A SIZABLE INCREASE, BASED ON JUST WHAT THE NEARBY CAMPGROUND OFFERS NOW, THIS IS WITHIN SCALE FOR THE PRESENT AREA [emphasis mine]."

Attached is a graphic from the Missoulian 9/27/22. Submitted by the developers, the graphic shows the current view at Holland Lake Lodge versus what they say the view would look like after the expansion.

Please present the attached graphic to stakeholders and ask, "How would you describe the proposed waterfront perspective's change?"

A)Minimal

B)Moderate

C)Major

I predict "moderate" and "major" would be the leading answers.

Attached photos offer glimpses of Holland Lake Campground's group campsite in 1990. What would tripling the number of Lodge guests look like, and what would the effects be on habitat, wildlife, traffic, staffing, housing, sewage, waste, and hiking trails?

Please pose this question to stakeholders:

If the number of Holland Lake Lodge guests increased from 50 to 150, how would you describe that change?

A)Small

B)Moderate

C)Sizeable

I predict most people, not just "some," would answer "sizeable."

Another of POWDR's FAQs was concerning as well.

"Yes, it will likely mean more Americans will be enjoying the recreation opportunities around Holland Lake."

I fear the expansion would lead to increased costs, thus many Montanans would be priced out of relishing this beautiful gem. Hence, my interpretation of the above statement is, "Yes, it will likely mean fewer Montanans and more deep-pocketed Americans will be enjoying the recreation opportunities around Holland Lake."

The proposed scope of the Holland Lake Lodge Facility Expansion-nearly doubling the current permit acreage from 10.53 acres to 19 acres (with the inclusion of the wastewater facility)-precludes a Categorical Exclusion under the National Environmental Policy Act. So without an Environmental Assessment (EA) and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on hand, you do not have the necessary data to assess the ramifications of this project. Please wait until you have scientific data from an EA and EIS before rendering a decision.

Thank you.