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Comments: To Whom it may concern,

I'd like to take this opportunity to voice my opposition to the proposed changes at Holland Lake. As a former resident of the great state of Montana and a frequent visitor to Americas Last Best Place, Holland Lake and the corresponding trail system to the waterfalls holds a special place in my heart. I am of the opinion that the updates and changes proposed by Holland Lake Lodge (HLL) and POWDR would be harmful to the area and would negatively impact what that area means to so many people.

The national forest should be of the people and for the people, not for the corporations. Adding internet access and increasing occupancy opportunities runs antithetical to the joy and pleasure so many people get from Holland Lake. There is a certain peace and solitude that one can only attain in nature away from modern conveniences. The proposed changes are another step in moving away from the quiet and comfort people receive from the lake and trails.

Further, a large corporation headquartered in another state with multiple holdings throughout the country is not going to prioritize what is best for the Swan Valley nor what is best for the environment in that area. Montana has a treasured history of environmental stewardship and fierce independence from outside influences. Please don't allow this hidden gem to become corrupted by the greedy desires of a multi-national conglomerate beholden to the almighty dollar. Before being accused of being a Luddite in these comments, I would like to voice support for general upkeep and safety improvements at the lodge. I just don't feel as though expanded internet access, increased buildings, less nature via the removal of trees, and a visitors center is the best ways to modernize the Holland Lake recreational experience.

In conclusion, I strongly oppose the current proposal set forth. I hope my words and the words of many other nature enthusiasts will allow you to reconsider this proposal. Thank you for your time and consideration.