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Comments: Dear Forest Service,

I'm a long time resident of Montana who regularly enjoys the back country, state parks, public and private campgrounds, rivers and lakes, our national parks, and ski areas. The past few years has seen an huge uptick in great degradation of these areas due to increased development and subsequent usage, which is destroying our back country and state lands. This greatly saddens me, as people have lost touch with being respectful to our lands, and the worse cases of this are in wild areas like around Holland Lake, that have recently been commercialized. As a publicly owned area that is one of the last pristine holdings that a truly respectful and appreciative outdoorsman like me can enjoy, Holland Lake and it surrounding area should not be subject to the rampant commercialization that has swept the country in the past few years. The Forest Service, as this areas stewards, have an obligation to the public to protect this area and maintain it for the use of the public in it's current form as wild lands, as that is this areas highest and best use to the public. The Forest Service should not seek to increase the revenue of companies wanting to capitalize on the beauty the Swan holds, and actually should be doing quite the opposite. Please reject this proposal, and all future proposals, for development of Holland Lake and it's surrounding lands, so that future residents, their children, and their grandchildren have a free place to enjoy for many years to come. To commercialize this area would destroy it in so many ways, and deprive the public its right to freely recreate in this beautiful holding. Please do your job to protect it, and deny the application from Powdre and all other corporations, to develop this area. Regardless of what they promise, we all know this will be just another profit center for the already wealthy who have taken over Montana's most precious and beautiful areas, and they will deny public access unless one can pay for it. The Forest Service's purpose of "Caring for the Land, and Serving the People" should be strictly followed. Please, please, please do as the residents of Montana know is best...allow no development or leasing of Holland Lake and it's neighboring lands to these private entities. Guarantee it's wildness for future generations. Thank you.

A Protector of Our Wild Places