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Comments: I'd like to take a moment to voice my opposition to the proposed changes at the Holland Lake Lodge. I was born and raised in Missoula and now reside in the Flathead Valley. Holland Lake and the surrounding trail system holds a special place in my heart. I have camped and backpacked around there multiple times. During my five years working on the Flathead Forest Service's Silviculture crew we hung beetle pheromones there every year so that we could protect the trees around the lodge, campground and trailheads. I believe that the updates and changes proposed by the Holland Lake Lodge and POWDR would be harmful to the area and would permanently change what people love about the area.

The Forest Service motto is "caring for the land and serving people." They are not for making it easy for corporations from other states to come and change an area for their profit. I do not believe that this corporation is going to prioritize what is best for the Swan Valley nor for what is best for the environment in that area.

I do understand that the Lodge is aging and would need so general upkeep to improve the structures. However, I do not think expanding internet access, building new buildings, removing trees and putting in large parking lots is the best way to take care of the property.

In conclusion, I strongly oppose the current proposal and hope you reconsider. Thank you for your time and consideration.