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Comments: Further development of the Holland Lake area will not only be detrimental to the surrounding natural beauty but also to the general trajectory of growth in Northwest Montana. The development Holland Lake- a quiet site for picnicking, weekend getaways, and boating- will attract scores of people who may not share a respect for the natural wonder of the area. Increased people brings increased traffic, garbage, noise, and litter. Especially when these people are attracted by large out-of-state conglomerates like POWDR. The Master Development Plan claims that 25 jobs will be added with the new construction, but no mention is made of the quality of these jobs. As a former employee of a POWDR subsidiary, I would not assume that employees will be paid well. While no one can stop progress, progress ought to be responsible, sustainable, and benefit locals. I certainly do not think that this out-of-state corporation with holdings across North America has the best interests of locals in mind. Just looking at the other holdings of POWDR, such as the overcrowded ski resorts it owns and the hour-long inner tube lines at Woodward in Park City, shows what they value. They do not value the "soul" of natural areas but rather the money they can extract from so-called "adventure lifestyle" experiences. While I have no doubt that the new accommodations, should they be built, will see few vacancies, I do believe that opening the door to this company will set a dangerous precedent for Northwest Montana.