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Comments: Dear Flathead Forest Supervisor Kurt Steele:

I am writing to express my concern about the development proposed for Holland Lake and to ask that the U.S. Forest Service please give additional consideration to the impact this project will have on water quality, wildlife habitat, and the surrounding forest. I am also concerned about noise and light pollution, traffic congestion (and safety), and the increase in motorized use of the lake.

Holland Lake is a gem in the Flathead Forest. With my family, I have spent countless hours swimming, paddling, hiking, and camping in/near this lake for the past 30 years, all 4 seasons of the year. It is an exceptional place, valued for its quiet recreation opportunities, lack of crowds, wildlife habitat, and proximity to the Bob Marshall Wilderness area. A mega resort catering to wealthy out-of-state visitors will dramatically change the character of this lake, and not for the better. I'm so saddened to think of what will become of the lake if this project, as it has been presented, is allowed to continue.

I am respectfully requesting that the Forest Service conduct a full environmental analysis of this project and reserve the option of telling POWDR CORPORATION "no" to this mega-resort project. I also request that at least two months of additional time be given for public comments and input. The public was not made aware of this project until the first week of September, not giving adequate time for this project to become widely known or for understanding the ramifications of the project and submitting thoughtful comments.

We simply cannot make Holland Lake or the Holland Lake property become another sad casualty of overdevelopment by corporate entities who have no concern with the environmental, historical, or societal impacts of their project, and are only concerned about making money from our public lands and waters. This area is far too special. There's still time to save it!

Thank you for your consideration.

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