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Comments: As a member of the local QRU I would like to point out that the local Fire and Medical services are 100% volunteer. Those of us that serve do so because we love our area and want to help our neighbors. We currently respond many times over the course of a summer to the Lodge and trailhead. We are not in a position to increase the number of times we respond to calls for assistance. It is roughly a 90 minute trip to the hospital once we reach pavement, making our average call times three to four hours. We do not have the personnel available to provide coverage for the increase in volume we can expect with the numbers of visitors POWDR is projecting. I do not write this representing the SVES, just a volunteer who does not wish to get out of bed or leave my dinner table to serve high end visitors rather than my friends and neighbors.

Also, I find myself insulted that we could not get the Forest Service section of Holland Lake Road graded to protect our equipment as we respond to emergencies in that area - in fact we drove through the campground because it was faster and smoother - but it was graded for POWDR to do their "presentation".

Please do not proceed with corporate plans to build a mega-resort in our quiet, undeveloped area, which offers no services.