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Comments: It is self evident what is happening. POWDR is providing some type of 'under the table' deal with Kurtis Steele himself in order to get this plan approved as quickly and quietly as possible. Kurtis Steele is the Flathead National Forest Supervisor. Total annual compensation is between \$70K-\$95K per year for his position according to Salary.com. Now, I'm not accusing Mr. Steele of anything. But if I were in this position of power, it would be hard to ignore the possible gifts/favors that would be subjected towards him for his 'cooperation' to get this development plan approved as quickly as possible. What gifts/favors could this be... cash, free vacations, possible POWDR stock options? Why should Mr. Steele care? It's federal land. The locals do not have any power over this decision, and he knows it too.

Kurtis Steele, the public will be looking for your reasoning and your thorough explanations if you decide to allow this development to be approved. Approving without performing an ecological survey to determine negative environmental impacts. Or, having a thorough public comment from the local neighbors to see if the region would even be interested in having this extra traffic or ongoing destruction of natural habitat.

Mr. Steele, do your job! Do what's within the best interest the Flathead National Forest.