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Comments: My husband and I learned just today (September 15, 2022) about the Forest Service's collaboration with a corporation called POWDR to build a large commercial resort complex on Holland Lake in Montana. I worked for the Forest Service for a time in my younger years in Recreational Research. I thought the U.S. Forest Service, to whom a share of our tax dollars go to support and fund, is supposed to protect and maintain our precious wilderness and wildlife, not enter into agreements with commercial enterprises to build large resorts.

My husband and I are avid campers and love and cherish the unspoiled wilderness in our American West, especially in Montana and surrounding states. We just saw photos and video of Holland Lake. Its beauty literally took my breath away. It seems as if the Forest Service entered into an agreement with POWDR to build a huge resort many times the size of the existing tiny historic Holland Lake Lodge months before public opinion was sought. I cannot fathom how anyone would imagine that an endeavor with such a large footprint on that unspoiled land could help but leave a scar of incalculable damage that will last for an eternity. I can't even imagine the scope of the impact.

Go look at how the Corp of Engineers creates sustainable campgrounds on beautiful lakes around the country and consider that alternative ... not a Las Vegas style resort so completely out of place on Holland Lake. We sincerely hope you will NOT proceed with this project as currently proposed.