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Comments: To whomever this may concern,

My name is Ted Morgan, me and my fiancé Julia just bought our first house here in Condon. I truly feel with the expansion of this project that the locals of the Valley will reap the consequences in many categories, while a major corporation gets to waltz in and double our population.

I am not against Holland lake being revived, but to add the number of cabins and large new lodge to this valley would be a spit into the face to the local population in many capacities, some listed below...

- 1) Was told that local workers will not be used in building the new infrastructure or to run the lodge in all capacities, quite the opposite, they want to ship people in seasonally. This was directly from the POWDR representative at meeting.
- 2) Doubling our population with a fully booked resort, also doubles our trash output. I feel like there needs to be responsibility taken in regards to tax breaks for locals, or free trash services.
- 3) The Valley itself only has one operable restaurant, and one grocery store. Doubling our population without having more commercial opportunity. The Stress that adding this many people to our population year round will make finding a table at The Hungry Bear nearly impossible, and also take a chunk out of grocery supplies for locals.
- 4) If POWDR were to get approved for this massive expansion and build, it would give them the argument that I truly believe they are here for, the argument that consists of them applying for approval to build a ski mountain. This is not a far fetched idea, with POWDR owning massive ski resorts such as Killingtom, Copper Mountain and more. With infrastructure they are proposing it seems like they are gearing up for a ski resort. I was told by the POWDR rep that it will take \$20 mil to build what they have proposed, you don't make that back by just doing hikes and stays in Condon, MT!!
- 5) I haven't seen anything in which local community members will benefit from this expanded resort, this is being built for people to come visit OUR TOWN, where is the opportunity for us other than spending money at their restaurant? Our town doesn't need fly fishing guides, cross country skiing, hiking trips. We all know how to do those on our own. Meanwhile, if approved, our taxes go up, I fear so much that a large chunk of our original residences won't be able to afford yearly property taxes.
- 6)The environmental impact of Holland Lake is yet to be determined. I know that Loons rest in an area they want to expand parking into. The amount of trash a resort like this creates will no doubt in my mind attract all sorts of wildlife to an overpopulated resort, putting people in danger of bear attacks, and bears in danger of being killed in exchange for tourists having a week at our lake. The swan as a whole is part of the Crown of The Continent trail, one of its kind, the traffic added by this resort will leave less affordable space for bikers.
- 7) We have an Airbnb community here in the Valley, people make residual income they have come to count on. Why should local airbnbs, guest ranches and more have to compete with a new state of the art facility? Will overflow be guided to local stays?

Overall, I'm not sure what the local residents are getting out of this other than higher taxes, people who aren't from here clogging our restaurant and grocery store, potentially bringing crime to an area that really has none.

Where are proposed tax breaks for the Swan population or anything in return for us other than an updated restaurant? It seems like Missoula County will get a big check, the Forrest Service is getting a check and less responsibility, but we get nothing except more strangers in our Valley that aren't hiring locals.

I was told that the original Holland Family also has interest in purchasing the Lodge, more to renew original structures than to create massive changes. We are a valley of great history, and many of the original families that settled in the Swan still are here. It would be a shame if The Forrest Service were to favor POWDR over a family that helped build this Valley, just in exchange for money and less responsibility. If POWDR wants a ski resort tell them to buy Snow Bowl!