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Re: Holland Lake Lodge Facility Expansion

Occasionally the earth speaks for itself as in cases of earthquakes, tornados, typhoons and other so called natural disasters. We humans don't savor these events but we accept and push through what we've been dealt. On a smaller scale, the proposed expansion of Holland Lake Lodge by POWDR Corporation represents a disaster which can and should be avoided, thus we humans have a moral obligation to speak for Mother Nature when we have the chance. I lay no claim to any training in engineering, construction, environmental science, or for that matter making significant sums of money for my benefit. Nor do I walk about in the small speck of my home in Montana with in-depth knowledge of Forest Service regulatory considerations, protocols for such, or best practices for managing our public lands. However, as simply one average Montana citizen, I heartily object to the expansion project at Holland Lake Lodge as proposed by POWDR Corp. I am not a "native son" of Montana having moved here from a neighboring state 52 years ago. I deliberately made a decision to move to Montana because I knew there were places such as Holland Lake. Places where the average person and family could experience undefined natural splendor. . Places to seek a bit of tranquility as you went about your business of raising a family and making a living. Places where you could examine who you are and the smallness of yourself in the middle of a remarkable forest where you could stand on the shores of a pristine lake being consumed by the gentle lapping of the water at your feet. A sanctuary if you will, to gain a toehold on the maddening intrusion of everyday life. Holland Lake is such a spot. Accessible to all of us regardless of means this spot of heaven opened its arms to the inherent magic it contains. As I've viewed it, the POWDR Corp. blueprint for expansion will defile Holland Lake and surrounding area. More cabins, with internet of course, massive expansion to the Lodge, a restaurant protruding onto the peninsula, a water sports building, more asphalt for needed parking, a robust listing of additional human creature comforts, and additionally, the removal of 200 (add more) trees to allow for such development. This proposed expansion is consistent with what POWDR promotes which is "Adventure Tourism." As a Montana citizen I fail to make any conceivable connection between this proposed plan and local community values. The plan, if allowed to unfold as it exists will diminish if not eliminate the sanctity of a hallowed piece of Montana. I urge you to apply all the brakes available to you and halt this plan as put forward by POWDR Corp.

Thank you,

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