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Comments: Dear USFS,

I'm writing regarding the proposed purchase and lodge expansion by the POWDER company to the Holland Lake Lodge because the company should not be allowed to bypass an environmental assessment since the property is on USFS land.

One of the greatest things about Holland Lake is that the property reflects Montana's beautiful natural surroundings and charm that could be lost with a very grand project/lodge expansion. The ability for the land to seamlessly provide a natural habitat to many animals including the nesting loons, grizzly bears, wolverines, and lynx is not only important to those animals and the larger ecosystem, but also for future generations of nature loving visitors. It is reasonable to believe that the proposed large lodge expansion could have many adverse impacts on these animals (and others) along with an impact on the water quality that everyone relies on.

While it is important for the Holland Lake Lodge to be able to run a sustainable business and keep the small slice of heaven getaway in operation, that business growth shouldn't come at an unacceptable cost or unevaluated cost to the environment. I am not currently opposed to some sort of business expansion but feel that a large lodge expansion could ruin the rustic charms and character of lodge.

With the property being on USFS land it would only be responsible to perform an environmental assessment before approving any plan. Also, this would appear to be in line with Holland Lake Lodge's public sustainable commitment on their website, "Holland Lake Lodge is excited to build a sustainable future so guests can enjoy time in the outdoors with their families for years to come. "

Sincerely,

A fellow nature lover and Holland Lake Visitor