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Comments: I'm writing in opposition to the current proposal for Holland Lake Lodge. According to the "What We Believe" section of the Forest Service website, the motto of the NFS is "Caring for the Land and Serving People". I will not go into how the process for the proposed expansion at Holland Lake does not meet the first part of this motto, but I will speak to the second half.

Public lands in Montana are nothing short of sacred. NFS permits allow for an intersection of private business, public land, and the people to ensure myriad recreational activities. Historic lodges like Holland Lake are also important to the heritage of outdoor recreation in Montana. Trailheads around the lake offer a gateway into the Bob, another jewel in the crown of recreation sites in our state.

I am not against these permits as they exist currently. I am opposed to the idea that a gem like Holland Lake would be irreparably damaged by POWDR's proposal as it stands now. The people who would benefit from this proposal would be those making money, and those staying at the lodge (likely not locals). The character of the lake would be forever changed by noise, light, and infrastructure challenges, which would create ripple effects for wildlife.

Please consider the original mission and motto of the NFS. POWDR's current proposal does not stand to serve the public or the land, the two entities the NFS should be listening to. If POWDR, or another developer, would consider a plan that works within, or just outside, the current footprint of the lodge, perhaps that would be better suited for the majority involved.

Thank you.