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Comments: A full Environmental Impact Statement needs to be completed for this project, given the scope of the Plan, and the negative impacts it will have on the area's wildlife habitat, air and water quality, and aesthetics for human visitors.

Holland Lake Lodge's 15-acre special-use lease shouldn't be developed in this fashion. At risk are protected species, a recommended wilderness, historic features, wetlands and a delicate natural lake that provides quiet forest solitude in all seasons.

Tripling the footprint of the lodge and the number of humans and cars in the area - and expanding the resort to year-round use - inevitably will increase confrontations between grizzly bears and humans. Displacement, increased mortality risk and habitat alienation will follow from thousands of user days that will be increasing around Holland Lake.

POWDR goes big or goes home. This expansion will be merely a wedge towards the development of intrusive winter and summer recreational uses of Holland Lake and the Swan Crest, many of which I'd expect to be unaffordable to Montanans.