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Comments: I am very saddened to see the proposed plans to expand and change the current lodge into a much larger resort. The lodge has been for sale for many years now. Undoubtedly, there are sure to be large expenses in maintaining the old buildings: plumbing, heating, roofing, etc. Combined with our short summer season and long mountain winters, making a profit could be difficult. Bringing in this "partner" corporation may seem like a solution from the financial standpoint. This proposal might be in the owner's best interest and the corporation's best interest, but I am struggling to see how it is in the best interest of Holland Lake. If this proposed expansion is allowed to take place, Holland Lake and the experience of being at this peaceful lake will be changed forever. The partner corporation, POWDR, states that POWDR's brand is delivering "soulful experiences that....reflect the local community." If POWDR wants to achieve this at Holland Lake, they could buy the lodge and preserve it, as is.

Another possible solution is for the Montana State Park system to buy and run the lodge as a non-profit entity and state park. It would belong to the people of Montana.

My family and I implore the Forest Service to make the right decision for the greater good regarding this proposal. Please do not allow this expansion to take place. There is a reason that the Forest Service has retained control over the land and that is to protect it from circumstances exactly like the one before us now.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.