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Comments: Dear USDA.

I am relieved to learn that there will be an environmental review. As a member of the Swan Lakers I am alert to the danger that invasive species pose to the Swan and am concerned that a development of this magnitude creates an unreasonable risk to this pristine watershed.

In effect, this proposal would create a new, large resort in an area that is already overly impacted by human activity. The proposal speaks of outdoor opportunities for locals but the fact that it will be owned by POWDR belies this. POWDR owns many large resorts and it will be in their economic interests to promote this development, putting even more human pressure on this exceptional and fragile environment.

In addition, that the development would be owned by POWDR foretells continued efforts by the company to exploit the area by seeking permits for activities not mentioned in this proposal. While Holland Lake is a "Focused Management Recreation Area", it is incumbent on the USDA to manage it responsibly by considering all factors including the current human activity in the area and the environmental considerations. We all know what development looks like; there are fewer and fewer opportunities to experience the grandeur of nature that the Swan presents.

If the USDA is inclined to approve a plan for this property I urge that it be smaller in scope than the current proposal. While the plan seeks accommodations for 156 overnight guests it expects between "90 and 120 guests on average". So, limiting accommodations to 90 would be a reasonable compromise. The proponent seems to attempt to justify the 156 figure by referring to the irrelevant, never-realized 1935 plan, a time when environmental considerations were barely an afterthought.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.