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Comments: If this project does go through, I have three thoughts:

1. What are the % of fees associated with a special use permit? (If it is currently 3%, is there a higher percentage that would appease the community - maybe 5%?)

What does the community want to do with those fees?

Perhaps they go towards protecting the surrounding forest and water system, maintaining community spaces, or the local school district. Let's make this business transaction a benefit for all involved, in a way that the community feels like POWDR is a contributor to the community.

2. Noise ordinances - does POWDR know ahead of time the level of quiet that will be expected past 7pm, and then again after 10pm - and are they prepared to abide by those expectations? Is outside music with speakers allowed past 7pm? A campground is nearby with the same quiet expectations, and this must remain a communal forest, with equal noise rules for everyone - all known and agreed to in advance. The noise ordinance could affect wedding business, if indeed they went that route, so its best if this conversation is discussed upfront.

3. In general, I am concerned that growth is not within capacity of what the area can hold from a visitor standpoint and also environmental. And if the infrastructure is not in place to hold the extra visitors, is POWDR prepared to help pay for better roads, etc. Should this come out of the Special Use permit fees, or would it be appropriate for POWDR to pay for better roads as part of their development plan. Does the community even want better roads?

Thank you to all those working on this project - especially Tammy McKenzie and Chris Dowling for taking the time to chat with me - I believe they are following the protocol set in place for these projects, but we must hold them, the Forest Service, and POWDR accountable to keep Montana a special place for locals and visitors - not just doing what is easiest and cheapest.