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I am a 4th generation Montanan. My family and I have been enjoying Holland Lake Lodge for the last 42 years. It has a very quaint and local ambiance that can't be replicated in this day and age. As much as I would like to see the Lodge remain an unassuming lodge with a world class view, I recognize that it needs a significant infusion of cash for maintenance and, no doubt, expansion in order to be economically feasible.

My concern with the POWDR proposal is that, with the number of cabins and amenities being planned, the resort will have to charge "top dollar" rents in order to get a return on its investment. The last thing we need in Montana is yet another play ground for the rich, a la Paws-Up, Big Sky and Lone Mountain Ranch. This is, after all, public land. If POWDR can build the facility and assure the USFS that it will not only be open to the public but that it will be open at prices that middle income taxpayers can afford, the project warrants favorable consideration.