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Comments: I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed sale to and expansion by POWDR based out of Park City, Utah. I came to Missoula in 1968 for several years while a student at UM and returned in 1984 having spent over 40 years here. I began visiting Holland Lake in the 1960's and have spent considerable time kayaking on the lake since returning. Holland Lake is, by far, one of the most beautiful lakes in the Swan Valley or, for that matter, in western Montana outside of Glacier National Park. Though used extensively by local individuals, I have never found it crowded nor felt the sense of development which will occur if the Holland Lake Lodge is sold to POWDR and they create the destination development which they propose. Of course, the Lodge needs improvements, as any historic structure will over time, but this is not the same as the large expansion proposed which would destroy the character of the lodge and Holland Lake itself. As a professional wildlife biologist this development will greatly negatively impact the local environment around the lake, not only through the expansion of the site but also the greatly increased use by tourists proposed to occur year-round. If this development proceeds, I doubt that I will ever kayak there again nor have the chance to enjoy the call of the resident loons again. This is truly one of the last best places in Montana.