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Comments: Regarding the POWDR HLL expansion project I would like to address the following concerns:

The acreage that HLL leases from the Forest Service cannot accommodate the number of buildings proposed. Ground disturbance for electrical lines, fiber optic lines, water and sewer lines and adding the footprint of 25 plus building will adversely affect the surrounding area and view shed. Removal of trees and low vegetation will damage the soil. Locals term the soil glacial silt. It has the consistency of flour. The disturbed silt takes years to recover.

Forest Service staff who are considering this amended lease should review the Montana Lake Book 3rd edition published in 2017 by The Whitefish Lake Institute. Representatives of the DNRC, Montana Fish Wildlife & Parks & Forest Service served on the steering committee for this project. The publication documents how sensitive wildlife, waterfowl, aquatic life, forests & vegetation are to major expansions such as proposed by this large ski resort corporation. Once they have a foot hold in the Seeley Swan Valley what will be next a ski resort, mountain bike trails and acquisition of private land?

The present trail system will be impacted. Hikers will be traveling on congested trails. Presently trails now have knap weed sprouting along back country. Additional human traffic will track weed seeds onto the narrow trails. Wildlife will be impacted by noise & numbers.

Holland Lake road is not in condition to handle the kind of traffic this project proposes. Increased traffic will affect those already living along this road.

How will the significant amount of garbage be handled? Can a private concern be held accountable for maintenance and repairs to its waste treatment facility.

The large kitchen & dining center adjoining the historic lodge will impact the value of this log structure. The size of the new structure will place it within feet of the lake shoreline.

I submit my remarks in hope that the Forest Service will see that an environmental impact study is absolutely necessary before POWDR HLL receives a categorical exclusion to the HLL lease.