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Comments: I am firmly opposed to the proposed expansion of the lodge at Holland Lake, MT, particularly as POWDR seeks a categorical exclusion from a more rigorous Environmental Impact Statement or Environmental Assessment. Increasing the capacity of the lodge to three times it's current capacity will inevitably have an impact on the lake, its native flora and fauna, and its surrounding landscape, especially considering the proposed winter use.

Holland Lake is not a large lake and it is a gateway into the Bob Marshall Wilderness. A more thorough and rigorous investigation into the potential impacts of this kind of expansion should be part of this company's proposal, especially as they claim to "reflect the local community." Over 5,000 public comments, predominantly from the local community, request that this proposal needs further public input and planning. I understand that the lodge needs renovation and improvements, but the proposed scale is too much for this place. Development of this sort may make for good business, but it will inevitable alter the lake, landscape, surrounding environment, and community in ways that do not reflect the local community. Remember, viable businesses seek growth and profit. This space can only accommodate so much before it is lost.