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Comments: Dear Flathead National Forest,

After reading about and observing the commotion made by the public in the Swan Valley, I have decided to make comment on the developing situation and voice my concern for Holland Lake Lodge and the surrounding area moving forward.

After reviewing the Master Development Plan made by Holland Lake Lodge LLC. and POWDR LLC., I am concerned greatly by the impending impact that will result from their proposed expansion. Moreover, I am troubled by their request for a categorical exclusion, especially when looking at the plan to erect a new lodge larger than the existing one, let alone multiple new structures and infrastructure to support them. With all the new development planned to be made, I request that their request for a categorical exclusion be denied and for a full environmental assessment to be made to ensure that the Holland Lake Lodge expansion plan does not make any significant environmental changes to both the Lake and the land that the Lodge currently sits upon.

This expansion means more than just a new lodge. In my opinion, this plan serves as a greeting to a class of people that working class Montanans fear will run them out of their own state, one that makes it harder for even new Forest Service employees to find affordable housing when trying to achieve their dream job that they have worked hard to gain after their years of study in college. I fear for the future of the surrounding communities of the Swan Valley if this project is approved, for the development of the valley will creep into their towns and force the ones who already struggle to make ends meet out of their homes and their livelihoods.

I hope you will consider all the ramifications made by Holland Lake Lodge LLC and POWDR LLC when making your final decision, that you will think of how their expansion plan will change not only the Lodge, but the culture of the surrounding area, changing the quiet lake and one of the most popular entrances into the Bob Marshall Wilderness into a luxury resort, a decision that will ripple through the communities and change the Swan Valley forever.

I thank you for your time and consideration in reading not only mine but every one of the public's letters of comment to you.

Sincerely,

Patrick Fawley