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Comments: My list of concerns for this proposed expansion continues to grow. Please consider these additional comments:

I'm concerned that Holland Lake Lodge has violated their current Special Use Permit's Non-Exclusive Use provision in Section I: General Terms. In addition to many documented instances, experiences, and reviews of the public being asked to leave the permitted area, the Holland Lake Lodge website currently advertises: "Each wedding package guarantees exclusive use of the front lawn and point area each evening." They have already effectively shut the public out of public land and I'm concerned that if this expansion is approved and Powdr guests are paying even more for "soulful" exclusive experiences, this glaring abuse of the Special Use Permit will intensify.

I am concerned that Christian Wohlfeil and Powdr representatives are attempting to circumvent the non-transferable provision of the Special Use Permit. Under the terms of the Special Use Permit, Section I, Transfer of Title to the Improvements, "Any transfer of title to the improvements covered by this permit shall result in termination of the permit." I am concerned that Section J, Change of Control of the Business Entity" is not being adhered to.

I am concerned that Mr. Wohlfeil has not adequately maintained the property. By his own admission, and based on many documented guest reviews, he has failed to reinvest his earnings into the facility and it has fallen into disrepair. Under Section III: Operations, Part E Condition of Operations, he is required to "maintain the authorized improvements to the standards of repair, orderliness, neatness, sanitation, and safety acceptable to the authorized officer and consistent with other provisions of this permit." The fact that Mr. Wohlfeil chose instead to invest his earnings in other real estate ventures shows a lack of care and commitment to the property. The viability of the lodge as a business is not the public's concern. The public is concerned about the viability of the wildlife, water quality, and the quiet and scenic qualities that make this area unique and special. Future generations will value these priceless characteristics more than they will ever value another "adventure lifestyle" lodge... or even the lodge as the for-profit business that it exists as currently.

We are at a juncture here. We can continue to allow the abuse of this Special Use Permit, we can adhere to it and its original intent, or it can be revoked. It is the job of the United States Forest Service to do what's best for the public they serve, and the public is speaking very loudly and very clearly.