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Comments: The project that Mr. Wohlfeil and POWDR Inc. are proposing for the Holland Lake Lodge is beyond the scope of what most of us who have been camping and recreating there for years can understand or accept. It would be an absolute crime to do the expansion that they are wanting to do as it would ruin and destroy the pristine beauty and solitude that most of us go there for.

I'm hoping that the public employees of the U.S. Forest Service take into consideration the vast number of emails they have received on this matter and don't choose to go the way of "Big Money", that seems the direction that alot of different things have been going and its something that most of us are very tired of. I read an article recently in the Missoulian where there was a statement in the article concerning the Whitefish Mountain Resort putting in new chairlifts and some expansion. The comment that was made in the article was that a comment period for that project only accumulated less then a dozen comments. They didn't know what the issue was with the Holland Lake expansion. I have lived and worked in the Flathead and Mission Valleys all of my life and as a business owner in the Flathead have watched the town of Whitefish be ruined by "Big Money" and the "Ultra Rich", they wanted to make things better and now most of the people that used to live there no longer can afford to live there. The name "Big Mountain" was no longer good enough (even though most of us locals still call it that), and was changed to the "Whitefish Mountain Resort". To those of us in the Flathead Whitefish was known for many years as "Stumptown", now it is know to most as "Snootyville". Makes me wonder if the name "Holland Lake Lodge" will be good enough for this new organization or if they will feel the need to maybe change the name to "The Lodge at Holland Lake", just to appease there new clientele.

My vote is to not allow the expansion of Holland Lake as proposed. It might be acceptable if they scale it back by half. The other thing I would wonder about is we have a problem finding employees for the service industry here in the Flathead, enlightened me as to where they are going to find enough employees to staff there facility where the nearest town of any size is 20 miles away, and anything large enough to shop at is an hour or more of travel. Thank you for your time, and please make your decision on what the majority wants and not Big Corporations and Big Money.

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