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Comments: I am absolutely astounded at the idea that POWDR and the U.S. Forest Service does not have to go through a full environmental review of the Holland Lake Project. Therefore, I will be requesting that such review takes place for the following reasons.

- 1- The folks who own the cabins at Holland Lake lease the land from the Forest Service. They operate under extremely strict guidelines that include no structural change to the existing properties. They may make interior and safety improvements but the view from the lake should not change. They must also make sure that the property is "fire safe", which does not include eliminating the trees.
 - 2- Holland Lake is a small mountain lake that affords the community at large which includes visitors from across the nation a place to access of solitude and quiet. A place where one may hike, canoe, and swim in the summer. Cross country skiing and hunting are part of the winter-fall activities.
 - 3- I was a member of the innumerable discussions on the development of the Crown Of the Continent for the Mission and Swan watersheds. I represented the cyclists needs. At NO TIME do I remember any discussion pertaining to high mountain alpine skiing or heli-skiing. We did discuss a continuation of the existing Nordic ski trails out of and around Seeley Lake. Furthermore, there was no discussion of a high-end facility at any of the small lakes between Clearwater Junction and Bigfork.
 - 4- Holland Lake does not need to be a destination for the rich and famous there are numerous other resorts available to their tastes. If they want to come, they live like the rest of us: tents and RV's or rent a room. They also need to make their reservations in early January like the common folk do.
 - 5- Why is there no full blown comment period of 60 days? Why should I have to get this comment form off of an article by a non-profit group instead of clearly delineated on the U.S. Forest Service site? Why are there no public meetings scheduled in in Missoula, Bigfork, Helena and Kalispell? I heard about the meeting and the comment period through the grapevine. The meetings in Seeley Lake and Condon were such short notice that I could not attend. Oh! and in the Forest Service's great need for comment they extended the comment deadline by three full days. Thankfully, we have e-mail. Because sometimes it takes more than 3 days for a letter to go from Lolo to Missoula! but I digress.
 - 6- The Holland Lake Project does not qualify for a categorical exclusion, it needs a full Environmental Analysis that includes the endangered species, not only the mammals, but the birds, amphibians, fish and plants. It also include a full cultural and historical analysis. This is an ancient land with many stories. The current Holland Lake Lodge is part of the story as are the human inhabitants of the cabins. The surrounding area includes the Bob Marshall Wilderness Area and the proposed Clearwater Wilderness Area. CE's are used for minor changes like cleaning up highways and installing picnic tables!
 - 7-Where are the existing plans for growth that have come out of the Crown of the Continent discussions and the Clearwater Stewardship Act being addressed. Their plans and suggestions that have been developed over the last 30 years. How does the POWDR proposal meet those plans? Thank you!
- Save the Swan and Holland Lake do not destroy the,!