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Comments: To the US Forest Service, Christian Wohlfeil and POWDR,

It is with GREAT concern that I write this letter regarding the proposed expansion of Holland Lake Lodge & surrounding acreage. I/we know what a true jewel Holland Lake, the surrounding Swan Valley and the Bob Marshall & Mission Mountain wildernesses are. The wildlife is abundant and at this point, fairly free to roam in their natural habitat. I fear the proposed expansion will threaten and most certainly have a negative impact on this serene area, both to wildlife and humans.

As a 4th generation Montanan (that's a "newbie" if you speak with any of our indigenous population), I continue to be saddened and angry at the continued over-development of OUR public lands. Large corporations come into Montana with promises of ecologically-planned developments, only to create irreversible impacts on the land and out-price those of us who have grown up living and recreating in these areas. These "expansions" and developments encroach on critical wildlife habitat and impacts what natural beauty exists in these areas, which make them special in the first place.

I'm sure this expansion can't be halted, as it is a private business. BUT, I STRONGLY IMPLORE THE FOREST SERVICE TO CONDUCT FULL ASSESSMENTS AND IMPACT STUDIES WITH NO "EXEMPTIONS"!

I would also like to see a less-impactful, less large-scale project which would still allow for upgrades and improvements. It does not have to be on the current scale proposed. BIGGER IS NOT ALWAYS BETTER!! In fact, POWDR has now disclosed that the area they ACTUALLY need for this project is 15+ acres, not the 10+ acres designated in the permit.

In summary, I do NOT support the expansion as presented and demand the Forest Service employ full due diligence in assessing the impacts to wildlife, traffic and the surrounding communities. "BUILD IT AND THEY WILL COME"...

Respectfully,

Debra Demmons