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Comments: I fully support this proposal. My wife and I have made an annual trip to the Holland Lake Lodge for the last ten years. We have stayed in the main lodge and nearly every cabin. We enjoy the solitude and the adjacency to nature and the wilderness. We have come to know the owner very well and we are very impressed with how conscientious he is of the area, and what a good steward he is of the property and its history. He cares more about the lodge and its future than anyone. The property is in dire need of renovation. The proposed plan is a very reasonable one that will ensure a sustainable path forward for the property. As a Montanan, I place a high value on access to public lands and unspoiled nature. I also understand the importance of a sustainable business model that ensures longevity. Infrastructure needs continued maintenance. At some point, most infrastructure needs replacement, in a thoughtful and forward-looking manner.

The POWDR proposal not only ensures needed improvements to the site, but also increased opportunities to recreate in the area. My family will take advantage of winter lodging to snow shoe and hike. This means we will spend more time and money in the local economy.

In my experience lodge guests are quiet and respectful of the area. Which is why we return there every year. I believe that the adjacent campground has a far greater impact on the area than any guests at the lodge. There are no motorized watercraft coming from the lodge property, no generators, and very little traffic, unlike the campground. This is not a negative statement about the campground or its guests. It's simply an observation.

The beauty of the national forest is that there is room for multiple interests and pursuits if effectively planned and managed. Doubling the capacity of the current lodge will have very limited impact to the lake or the trails, but will have a positive impact on the economy of the area. The alternatives for this property are not in the public's best interest. This proposal is a good policy that ensures a viable future for a very special place that needs necessary improvements.