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Comments: I have attended 2 meetings regarding this project - and at both meetings I found the Powdr representatives condescending, disingenuous and disrespectful - as well as the Forest Service representatives and Christian. We all saw them rolling their eyes and shaking their heads when people attending were speaking. It appears to me that Powdr and Kurt and Christian are just going through the required motions to get past this process and move on to the obvious business of pushing this project forward. Why is Powdr involved with anything going on at Holland Lake Lodge right now? Has money changed hands and/or future promises or agreements made with Christian or the Forest Service so that Powdr can already participate in the decision making or actual projects concerning the Lodge? Where is Christian getting the money to drill a new well etc.? And what happens if trees are cut down on the property and this project denied later? Christian didn't take care of the buildings and land these past years - why would he start now? And with what money? Kurt acknowledge that he made a mistake giving Powdr 15 acres for their project - and he isn't required to change that back to the original 10.5 acres? If Forest Service Land is public land - the public certainly has the right, and really the obligation, to decide how the land is used. At one of the meetings a woman stated that she tried to work with the Forest Service to get bike paths approved - and was denied. Was she denied because the bike paths wouldn't generate money for the Forest Service? Because it seems absurd that she is denied a simple request and yet a huge corporation like Powdr comes in and is granted permission for a mega expansion and addition to the Holland Lake Lodge Resort. This project is much more than a massive recreation resort at Holland Lake - this will change the entire Swan/Seeley corridor and all communities north and south. The peaceful little community of Condon will be destroyed - and the people who are living there now, and all those representing generations who have lived in the area for decades and decades, will have their lives ripped apart. Why would the Forest Service participate in such a project? Aren't they here to protect our lands - not sell out to the highest bidder? And why would Kurt think it appropriate to deny environmental assessment reports and environmental impact reports? In what world does that make any sense? Powdr says they 'give us their word' there won't be snow mobile rentals or ski lifts built - tho they will certainly advertise snow mobiling in the area - and will undoubtedly hand out maps where these areas are - and make available to their customers transportation to places where they can rent snow mobiles, etc. etc. Their patrons won't have the respect and consideration Montanans have for their own state and land and the wildlife who live here. Powdr says they will take into consideration the comments meeting attendees are giving them......and in what world do any of us believe that? To say I have lost more faith in the Forest Service is an understatement - I find it appalling and shocking this project is even in consideration. The Forest Service has a huge annual budget - why don't they buy Holland Lake Lodge and buildings and restore the buildings and land that Christian let run down, rent rooms in the lodge, rent the cabins and make available the lake and trails and campground for the public - as Forest Service land should be used for. Powdr says they have the same values, etc as we do? If so, they wouldn't be proposing a project like this. Big corporations and people with millions, if not billions, of dollars have been 'buying Montana' for years - and many of our politicians, as well as government agencies, have participated. Powdr has more than a handful of attorneys behind them - this is what they are about - this is what they do. Kurt has said in the meetings that he is listening - I certainly hope so!