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Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to provide input on the Master Development Plan submitted on April 15th, 2022 by POWDR Corp, the future owner of Holland Lake Lodge, LLC, and the current owner of Holland Lake Lodge, LLC to the Flathead National Forest regarding a Resort/Marina Term Special Use Permit.

The Master Development Plan (MDP), page 1, requests a categorical exclusion with the understanding that further submissions to USFS are required prior to construction (e.g. proposed action, permits, stamped drawings, etc.). The MDP also states that expanding accommodations at Holland Lake Lodge (HLL) can occur while retaining the resource integrity and spirit of Holland Lake. POWDR anticipates operating a significantly expanded facility for decades to come.

I oppose the determination of the United States Forest Service (USFS), in a preliminary assessment, to categorically exclude the proposed project from documentation in an environmental impact statement (EIS) or environmental assessment (EA).

My concerns about forgoing an EIS or EA are directly related to the future integrity of the environment in and around Holland Lake. The agency mission of the USFS is: "To sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of the Nation's forests and grasslands to meet the needs of present and future generations."

The MDP, in its current form, does not adequately address or anticipate the health, diversity, or productivity needs of either present or future generations.

I request USFS more thoroughly evaluate:

- the impact of expanding occupancy of HLL by 300%, an increase of 330% of build area under roof, and 2000% more parking
- the removal of hundreds of mature trees for improved view corridors, new construction and parking (HLL and trailhead), dirt removal to level parking areas (HLL and trailhead), utility trenching to new buildings, trenching for foundations and footings, site grading and berming, and drilling of two water wells
- the expansion of wastewater treatment to include larger sewage holding tanks installed to increase capacity and the associated unknown ground disturbance to be determined the yet undefined size of new tanks
- transferring management of the wastewater treatment facilities from USFS to a private permit holder
- the impact on local wildlife, aquatic and land based, and members of the public during the proposed construction period of up to 5 years and into the future
- the possible conflicts involved with the transfer of a special use permit to a new entity
- the mechanism that would allow floating docks to be placed in Holland Lake (if that is in the purview of the USFS)
- the impacts of greatly expanded year round use to the area with the addition of new winterize facilities
- the opportunities currently available to and enjoyed by the public and the possible degradation of these current opportunities that may come with an expanded for profit operation at HLL

As a public member lucky enough to know and love the hiking, swimming, and environmental integrity of Holland Lake for the last 50 years, I do not find the proposed expansion to be in the public interest. An enjoyable experience for future generations does not depend on and may not be improved by this expansion.

Per Senator Jon Tester's letter of September 21st, 2022 to Kurt Steele, Supervisor, Flathead National Forest, in which he states: "It is important for Montanans and new neighbors to be able to discuss management of public lands and understand a full picture of impacts of any proposal on the local community. I believe a more detailed

analysis would ensure responsible development of resources and consider impacts beyond the physical footprint of this permit."

I wholeheartedly agree.

If POWDR Corp and Holland Lake Lodge, LLC are serious about retaining the resource integrity and spirit of Holland Lake, I submit that they will welcome and fully participate in a thorough, thoughtful, forward-looking environmental evaluation of their MDP.

In the words of Gifford Pinchot, 1st Chief of the United States Forest Service:

"The vast possibilities of our great future will become realities only if we make ourselves responsible for that future."

Please conduct a more detailed, responsible environmental analysis of this MDP so impacts beyond the interests of POWDR and HLL can be fully understood and evaluated. Holland Lake should be preserved in the most deliberate and respectful way possible for present and future generations, the creatures that live there, and the surrounding ecosystem.