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Comments: Dear Mr. Steele,

I have many concerns about the proposed expansion/ reconstruction of the Holland Lake Lodge. The impacts to the human and natural environment are significant because they will extend far beyond the 15 acres boundary of the S.U.P. . POWDR and its guests will not be content with simply sitting in lawn chairs and gazing at the lake. If not immediately then very shortly after proposed project completion, guests will be in need of guided trips by foot, horseback, atv, boat, bicycle, snowmobile to all the available trails in the Seeley Swan Valley, much as the Paws Up Resort does now. I am sure that POWDR will be very happy to provide such services to the surrounding Swan and Clearwater Valleys. Improved internet and phone access will also be demanded by guests and the corporation, with the accompanying fiber optic cable and/or cell tower construction.

Holland Lake is a small lake. Removing trees from the shoreline will increase the visual impact of the complex. Year round occupancy of a permit that was limited to summer use only, is a significant change from the status quo. Wintering wildlife in the area will be affected.

I believe that the Holland Lake Lodge should be held to the same requirements as other special use permit holders of houses and cabins on National Forest System lands. That is: improvements are limited to the existing footprint of the buildings; the style will be copied of the existing buildings; the historic character will be maintained with improvements.

In conclusion, I believe that the project's scope and size will impact the human and natural environment in a significant way. If approved, this project will act a a "wedge" for POWDR to expand operations in the area to heli-skiing, cell tower construction, adjacent development of private lands nearby, and year round guide services for all manner of recreation, both motorized and non-motorized. The impact will extend far beyond the permit area boundary, including the Bob Marshall Wilderness Area, Mission Mountains Wilderness, the Jewel Basin Hiking Area, among other locations as well. Local medical and search/rescue resources will also be stretched beyond capacity.

I urge you to complete and Environmental Impact Statement for this proposal. A good idea approved in 1947, is not necessarily still a good idea to be greatly expanded upon to an unrecognizable form, in 2022.