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Comments: To Flathead National Forest Service,

Concerning the POWDR Master Development Plan (MDP) that is now under review by the Forest Service... this proposal is just WRONG, WRONG, WRONG for the Holland Lake area.

There are so many objections, not only from the local communities of Condon & Seeley Lake, but also from far away places, who have heard about what is being proposed here.

The Seeley Swan corridor is a unique place, and there has been a long history of preservation of this area...people need to leave it as it is, and not over develop it. Why?? because it contains perhaps the most valuable intact land ecosystem in the United States, and possibly in the world. The wildlifes & fish species here are abundant and some are listed as Endangered or Threatened by the United States government. The Montana Legacy Project, The Trust for Public Land, & the Nature Conservancy, to name some, have recognized this area as a place to be preserved for generations to come.

Larger communities may be defined by their "built-up environment", However The Swan Valley is defined by it's "natural environment and natural resources". Mountains, rivers & lakes, forests, abundant wildlife and limited population of humans keep this area rural, wild and uncommercialized. These wilderness qualities are assets worth protecting and must be protected.

We are in the center of the "Crown of the Continent". All the plants and animals seen during the Lewis & Clark Expedition of 1804 still survive. This is an essential home range for key wildlife, such as the grizzly bears, bullhead trout, Canada lynx, & grey wolves, which are on endangered or threatened lists.

The greatest threat to this fragile ecosystem is DEVELOPMENT! With development comes more people in the area, more trash, more sewage, more and larger parking lots for the guests, more disturbance of the wildlife who call this area their home, more traffic on our two lane roads, more stress on the environment. Also with DEVELOPMENT, comes cutting down hundreds of trees, adding tons of concrete, more dust, more vehicles, more pollution, more car accidents...

So POWDR wants to take over an existing 10.53 acre Special Use Permit" and enlarge their footprint to a min of 15 acres and possibly 19 acres with a NEW Special use Permit. They want to remodel the "old lodge" and add another huge lodge with 28 guest rooms. Also plan to add 10 new lake cabins and 16 smaller studio cabins to accomodate 156 guests per day. They want to add a "Welcome Center" and a new big restaurant which will seat 100 guests inside and an additional 30 outside. Note:Current Holland Lake lodging capacity is around 50 guests This all sounds like DEVELOPMENT to me and I am opposed to this project for all the reasons stated above.

Furthermore the infrastructure in the very small town of Condon cannot handle this huge influx of people. Our fire department and emergency services are all on a volunteer basis. They are busy as it is and couldn't handle any more "water rescues", grizzly bear encounters, medical emergencies and such...not counting the possible disaster of a wildfire overtaking the Holland Lake area, where there is currently only one way in and one way out!

Human & animal life are fragile So is nature. Why take the chance to upset this pristine ecosystem so a big time developer can put another feather in his hat, to the detriment of all the rest of us who live here. POWDR boasts about creating a "soulful experience" for their guests. What about destroying the natural "soulful experience" we locals get every day from living in Condon and visiting Holland Lake.

Forest Service...if you are still considering moving forward with this proposal I insist that a COMPLETE Environmental Impact Statement be prepared along with a COMPLETE Environmental Assessment Report. The "Categorical Exclusion" report has been mentioned. However at the Oct. 4th meeting in Condon I heard the present owner, Christian Wohlfiel, say that he had proposed that assessment of the project only as a way to "expedite" the entire process.

POWDR's DEVELOPMENT plan is way too large, and expanded by 100% to 300% from the current business model. The Forest Service will be derelict in their duty if they try and get by with this lesser evaluation process such as the "categorical exclusion".

As we go thru this life, most people realize that some things and some places are worth saving. Holland Lake is one of those places. Please do your homework, realize Holland Lake is worth saving and make the right decision for "we the people". Do NOT let this HUGE DEVELOPMENT be approved.

Thank You.