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Comments: Dear Supervisor Steele and POWDR representatives,

I must write another letter to deplore the public hearing held this past Tuesday evening at Seeley Lake Elementary School.

The representatives of both the Forest Service and POWDR, as well as Christian Wohlfeil of HHL,inc, continue to tell the public that they are listening and hearing their concerns. At exactly 7:30 when the meeting was scheduled to end and nearly 300 people had shown up to listen and speak, they shut down the meeting. At least 20 more people were lined up to give comments. NOPE, they could not be bothered to sit and LISTEN for another 30 minutes or more to the public. When asked earlier in the night, Supervisor Steele said that he worked for the US Government; that would be the American people; that would be us. He, however, could not afford the people of Seeley and Condon the courtesy to stay beyond his brief allotted time for the public meeting; to truly listen to concerns. Stacey Hutchinson from POWDR said she wants us to "trust" POWDR. She was very smooth; but again, why should we trust her or any of them if they are not open and truly want to "listen". They do not; it is a total fraud.

As well, only one question posted online prior to the meeting was asked. Who knows how many others were sent in, as the public was not privy to that information, nor is there a public record of these.

It was shocking how many questions they were not able to answer; and how little research or thought has gone into any of the pertinent issues raised to date. Shocking, among the many, is that still the FS does not even have the acreage correct for the current permit. It is actually 10.53 acres, not the 15 which they continue to present in the scoping, and which they may well extend to 19 acres.

The Forest Service and POWDR were clearly not prepared for the number of people and/or questions at the earlier Condon meeting. While Christian rudely and disrespectfully sat up front chowing down on his lunch as he was supposedly listening to the 100 or so who gave up their own lunch hour to attend and hear from those proposing this outrageous expansion, most questions could not be answered well or at all. After basically blowing the meeting, this crew retreated to Holland Lake Lodge to reconnoiter. The POWDR people, Christian and possibly others. They debated how to present issues in a more palatable way, such as saying that the cutting down of roughly 200 trees would be for fire safety (rather than for a parking lot for 121 vehicles, a lodge, 25 cabins and other buildings!). Ironically, they seemed unaware or oblivious as to how sound travels across a lake; across a quiet pristine lake. We could hear from a distance their entire disingenuous plan to dupe and placate the public at the later public meeting at Seeley. (Think what that noise will be like for 2 or more years of construction and then 156 guests!)

A final concern.

POWDR will, if granted this permit, need to spend at least \$15-20 million to build all they say they will.

The Forest Service, when asked what they had received and reviewed concerning POWDR's financial records or background which they are obligated to obtain and consider, said they had only verified that POWDR had the monies to buy the Lodge. Of course, they have \$3.5 million.

That is the extent of their fiduciary responsibility to grant a permit for a project of this size?

The question is how is POWDR going to recoup 20 million dollars? Or more.

This is a for profit corporation.

What is their game plan?

I don't think serving the Seeley Swan locals dinner at the lodge restaurant for 100 people, as they say they hope

to do, will cut it.

It seems the FS needs to have a clear, detailed and definite business plan from POWDR on how they will manage and run this property on public lands.

Do they have a 5 year, a 10 year business projection?

I believe this must be ascertained and available for the public to review prior to granting any permit to POWDR.

Thank you.