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Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to comment. I would like to list a number of concerns I have with the proposed project:

1. This project proposal is on a large enough scale and has gathered much attention. From private citizens to conservation organizations and wildlife and environmental researchers, the USFS must follow the proper and thorough NEPA process and not rely on categorical exclusion to avoid input from the public and the scientific community.

2. This proposed project will have negative impacts on endangered, threatened, and sensitive species. I have personally seen that the Swan Valley acts as vital habitat for many of these species while acting as a connective valley floor between two key Wilderness areas for ecosystem integrity. This project will lead to an increase in recreation and humans to the area leading to an increase in human-bear conflicts and wildlife displacement. It is known that Holland Lake already deals with many human-wildlife conflicts even without a project that will only exacerbate the problem.

3. I do not believe POWDR, one of the larger ski resort companies and primarily based in Utah, reflects the values and land ethic of western Montana nor the Swan Valley. The quiet and primitive aesthetic and the access to extensive public lands are reasons why many people live or visit the Swan Valley. Creating resort style infrastructure at the base of one of the largest Wilderness areas in the lower-48 is a complete contrast to what Holland Lake and western Montana stands for. Instead, I believe POWDR is here for their own monetary-gaining self-interest. Of which, I, or Montanans have little patience nor respect for.

Thank you for your consideration and your time.