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Comments: I do not support the proposed Holland lake expansion. This plan is too large for the lease area and will bring in too many tourists to Holland lake and the surrounding Swan Valley. Conservatively, 150 daily guests (30 days a month) at only 10 months is 45,000 guests annually.

I do not believe the forest service or Powdr can effectively manage this many people using the existing trail systems, roadways, and waterways of the Swan valley. They will no longer be considered pristine. The wildlife and environment will be exploited by overuse.

Aquatic Invasive Species risk will be increased in Holland lake, Lindbergh lake, and other waterways that feed north to Flathead lake, and those that feed south to the Blackfoot. Water is possibly Montana's most valuable resource. Increasing the use without increasing the number of checkpoints at all shoreline and boat entries for these waterways is dangerous to this precious resource. This is the water that I drink, and most of the residents in my neighborhood drink. Waterways are ruined by species like Zebra and Quagga mussels.

Water traffic on Holland lake will reach unsafe levels. The size of the lake is too small for motorized and/or non-motorized boating for 156 Powdr guests, forest lease homes, public beach, day use, and adjacent campgrounds.

Holland lake fish and waterfowl will be negatively effected due to overuse.

Holland Lake Trail and other trails in the Swan will be damaged due to overuse, and possibly end up being limited to the public in the future. Trail erosion is inevitable with this many people using it. If the Holland Lake trail has to be limited by permit in the future to control overuse, then the forest service and Powdr will actually be negating their promise to make it available to more people. The "adventure" aspect of the Holland falls trail will be gone... passing too many hikers on the trail and reaching the top only to find a crowd of people there is not the experience I would hope for.

Fire risk increased. 85% of all forest fires are caused by humans. This is the very forest that supports the environment that Powdr says they will be a good steward of. Without additional support from the US forest service and Powdr, how will it be further protected?

Grizzly Bear population is at risk. Human conflicts will likely increase, and increased traffic on Highway 83 and county roads within the valley will create more deer fatalities drawing more bears to the kill sites along these roadways. Due to increased garbage, bears may be drawn to not only large garbage areas, but to the resort itself, because of waste produced there, along with the human factor, i.e. food in cars, etc.

Carbon emissions will increase due to the number of guests driving on highway 83 to the Powdr destination, and also to their "adventure" destinations like waterways and trails. Is there an effective solution to increased auto emissions due to cars on the highway other than to minimize the number of cars on the highway?

Highway 83 may have to be changed due of vehicle use. Turning a scenic Highway into a 4 lane interstate like the 93 to Whitefish defeats the purpose of a scenic highway. There are no turn lanes on 83 to prevent further auto accidents, there are no passing lanes on highway 83 in the Swan.

The emergency services in the Swan may or may not be able to handle this amount of people a year, and have voiced their concerns.

The Bob Marshall Lodge hotel will increase shoreline erosion due to damaged vegetation from human use and the removal of trees. It will also create noise pollution on the lake, taking away any pristine aspect of Holland lake. The current position and structure of the lodge is too close to the water and may create a sound barrier/wall that will transmit and reflect all the sound on the lake back to the lake, and project any guest noise onto the water.

I question and doubt Powdr's integrity. Powdr has not made it clear to the public what activities they will have their 156 daily visitors do in the winter months, except to tell us what they will "not" do. This opens up the possibility of outside businesses providing those activities of which we do not know.

The decision period (by March 2023) is not long enough. It should include the summer months (June-July-August) to gain more accurate data on usage of the waterways, wildlife habitat, trails and roadways to support your decision.

An expansion of this size will push Holland Lake and the Swan Valley in a direction that may cause tourism to spiral out of control. To my knowledge, there is no legislation at present to manage this type of growth without the damaging aspects mentioned above.

As a resident of the Swan Valley, I oppose the current Master Development Plan. The negative effects associated with the proposed Holland Lake Lodge Facility Improvement and Expansion are detrimental to my community and to the pristine environment where I live and recreate.