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Comments: I oppose Holland Lake Lodge Facility Expansion by the out-of-state POWDR Corporation. Holland Lake is on public land managed by the USDA Forest Service. The Forest Service mission is to help manage the Nation's natural resources "for the greatest good, for the greatest number, for the longest time."

When and why was the Forest Service established? Per USDA Forest Service website

President Roosevelt established the Forest Service in 1905 to provide quality water and timber for the Nation's benefit. Over the past century, the public has expanded the list of what they want from national forests and grasslands. Congress responded by directing the Forest Service to equally manage national forests for multiple uses of renewable resources such as water, forage, wildlife, wood, and recreation. Multiple use means managing resources for the best combination of uses to benefit the American people while ensuring the productivity of the land and protecting the quality of the environment.

National forests are America's Great Outdoors. They encompass 193 million acres (78 million hectares) of land- an area larger than Texas. National forests provide opportunities for recreation in open spaces and natural environments. With more and more people living in urban areas, national forests are becoming more important and valuable to Americans. People enjoy a wide variety of activities on national forests, including backpacking in remote, unroaded wilderness areas, mastering an all-terrain vehicle over a challenging trail, enjoying the views along a scenic byway, or fishing in a great trout stream, to mention just a few.

Therefore the role of the Forest Service is to protect our public lands for the general public not for private corporate expansions that benefit a few and not the whole of our country while changing the pristine landscapes of our natural forests!

So again I strongly oppose Holland Lake Lodge Expansion and look to the Forest Service to protect our lands for the people.