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I oppose POWDR Corp's expansion proposal for Holland Lake.

There are problems both with the process and the project.

Process:

The magnitude of this proposal warrants a complete Environmental Impact Statement with a true opportunity for public comment, not the hurry-up version provided so far. I do not understand why the Forest Service determined that the project could be categorically excluded from a more rigorous standard of analysis and documentation required by an Environmental Impact Statement or Environmental Assessment. It really gives the sense of the FS somehow is in cahoots with the developer. I am not saying that this is the case, just that it makes the FS appear biased and erodes public confidence in the integrity of the agency. Why the rush to grant a huge boon to a corporation without letting the public, the owners of the public lands, have an opportunity to review and assess the project?

Please do better.

Project:

There are numerous problems with the project, and I will let others speak to them. But this statement caught my attention. Mr. Wohlfeil said "I will argue that in the years to come, public sentiment is going to accept this. People don't realize that this could have been a lot worse."

This is a tragically low bar for the stewardship of Holland Lake. We don't need to accept something that is bad just because it could have been worse.

What would clearly be a lot better is a different proposal.

Thank you for considering my comments. Please give them weight.

Sincerely,

Margaret Regan