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Comments: To Whom It May Concern:

I strongly oppose the development and expansion plan as proposed by the out-of-state ski developer POWDR for the historic Holland Lake Lodge and surrounding National Forest and public land area.

We do not need another overdeveloped and overpriced recreation area that is accessible only for rich out-of-staters, like what has occurred in Big Sky and Whitefish. Holland Lake is one of the few remaining lakes that is relatively uncommercialized. Montanans want to keep it this way.

The expected special-use permit will be on Flathead National Forest land. The Forest Service carries the mission of "caring for the land and serving people." Yet the proposed development will degrade the land and serve the wealthy few who can afford the types of luxury adventures that POWDR offers, all for the sake of profit. This does not fit the mission of the Forest Service.

Furthermore, a categorical exclusion is inappropriate for the scope of the expansion and impact upon public land, which is also home to threatened and endangered species like the bull trout, grizzly bear, Canada lynx, and loon.

I strongly oppose the degradation of forest and wildlife habitat by a for-profit out-of-state developer. Areas like Holland Lake and the proximal Bob Marshall are what make Montana the last best place. We should preserve this beautiful and historic wilderness area for future generations.

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