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Comments: My family and I have been Montana residents for over 16 years. We have immensely enjoyed the beauty, serenity and splendor of Holland Lake. Its quaint, historical lodge and five cabins nestled in takes us back in time. It reminds us of our history and how important it is to preserve it. It's a special place to bring children and go camping on the lake with friends and family. It's a small, pristine lake of 400 acres. When you wake up in the morning, it's quiet and uncrowded. The lake shimmers. Kids love to cast out a line and catch small trout. In the summer, visitors love to go hiking and paddleboarding just for the day. It's a natural and well-preserved environment. It's home to bear, bobcats and loons. It's a small slice of heaven in Montana.

I'm strongly opposing the proposal submitted by Powdr Corp and Christian Wohlfeil for a Bob Marshall Lodge. This "Mega-Lodge" would be disastrous for Holland Lake in many ways. The proposal consists of two big lodges, sixteen "bunkies", nine cabins, a separate honeymoon suite, a restaurant, a separate manager's residence, an employee housing building and one hundred and twenty-one parking spaces. The scale of this mega-project is ridiculously TOO BIG and would COMMERCIALIZE Holland Lake. It would destroy its tranquility, pristine and natural environment and forever take away its historical value. This "Mega-Lodge" would bring in mass people, traffic and exploit this area year around. It would negatively disrupt wildlife habitat and defeat the purpose of having a primitive, neighboring campground.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to share my comments with you. The US Forest Service's motto is "Caring for the Land and Serving People" accomplished through the "Protection and Management of Natural Resources." I'd like to challenge the US Forest Service to adhere to its principles and proclamations made to us. Please carry out your responsibilities with care. Please protect and preserve the pristine environment of Holland Lake. Please DO NOT approve this large-scale project that would permanently exploit this area. Thank you.