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Comments: To Whom it May Concern,

I strongly OBJECT to changes proposed by POWDR, Inc, to Holland Lake Lodge.

Holland Lake Lodge sits on publicly-owned land. If we allow POWDR Inc. to make the changes it proposes, we will be selling off a public good to financially benefit just a few people.

POWDR, Inc. wants to invest in Holland Lake Lodge to get its clients access to public lands in the Swan Valley. Their plan would add tens of thousands of user days per year to the surrounding public lands. This would have a huge negative impact on wildlife, including grizzly and black bears, elk, wolverines, lynx, furbearing animals and deer.

What's more, the proposed changes would massively impact the character of the Swan Valley, turning it into a resort destination like so much of Colorado. That's not what we Montanans want.

The POWDR corporation has enough ski resorts and enough money. They do not need to enrich themselves even more by wrecking western Montana. Their proposal is wildly inappropriate for grizzly and lynx habitat and for the people of the Swan Valley and western Montana as a whole. It completely ignores off-site impacts to wildlife habitat and the people of the Swan.

Holland Lake Lodge should be permitted to operate only in the summer season to protect wildlife and the rural character of the Swan Valley. And it should be maintained, not expanded to include more lodging or a bigger restaurant.

I am asking the Forest Service to reject this proposal.