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Comments: Commenting on Holland Lake Expansion Plan 61746, Attn Shelli Mavor

I'm writing to protest the current proposal for development of the Holland Lake expansion. I urge you to deny this special use permit. This development will permanently alter not just the Holland Lake area but will degrade the wildland characteristics of the whole east side of Flathead Lake. While I could call your attention to the lack of transparency of this process on the part of POWDR and the US Forest Service, the gross misuse of the process of categorical exclusion, the need for an EIS and trading undeveloped historic landscapes and habitat for high impact development and tourist promotion, instead I'd like to simply ask if anyone with the USFS involved in this decision has ever been to Park City Utah or its other properties and viewed the impact development by PWDR has had on its landscape. It describes itself as an "Adventure Lifestyle Company" and owns resorts such as Copper Mountain and Eldora in CO, Snowbird in UT, Boreal Mountain and Soda Springs at Lake Tahoe and Killington and Pico Mtn in VT. I cannot imagine in my darkest nightmares that this is something anyone would want for this area that borders the Bob Marshall Wilderness. It's rather miraculous that this area has been able to keep its rural and pristine ambience with the development that currently exists. Adding more, and so much more development, reveals POWDR's lack of commitment to ecosystem preservation and valued habitat. Their marketing will be to those who place 'adventure' over protection. The area deserves better, the US Forest Service's job is to ensure wise use.