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Comments: The Helena Independent Record, 10/5/2022, news on the Holland Lake Facility reported that "each had erred in how the expansion had been presented:" Supervisor Kurt Steele made the claim that the "meeting such as this one were evidence of a transparent process that features public engagement" Yes, they erred, but the meeting was far from transparent. More questions are raised than answered.

POWDR "promised what its plan did not include at Holland Lake Lodge." There was no mention what or where its plans did include. Perhaps motorized snow machine trails for winter and 4 wheelers in the summer? Elsewhere in the valley cross country ski trails converted to motorized bike trails in the summer. A golf course would be nice. There are potential areas for a ski hill elsewhere in the valley. What specifically are the winter operations that POWDR does plan? What and where are these year-round employees going to work. All the things that they specifically did not include at the lodge may already be envisioned for other areas of the valley. Such a large financially secure cooperation has time for plans for year-round future expansion in the valley. Their caveat was of course, "there are non-motorized activities around the lake. It begs the question, if "not around the lake, where?"

They are planning to 32 new buildings and a 28-room lodge and restaurant, approximately 156 guests. And with the wastewater facility, the acres come to 19 acres, double what was originally proposed. Nice of Steele to own up to making "a mistake" for which he says "he's sorry. Simply put this full process needs thorough scrutiny under the Environmental Policy Act. It is no wonder POWDR's "whole leadership team" was there. Millions of dollars could be involved in ongoing development outside the Lodge area. Such was the plan for the Scapegoat Wilderness.

The mere presence of POWDR and their advertising/marketing (refer to their website) will bring many other people not just to the lake, but to the valley. The lake itself could have increased motorized water crafts (boats, jet skis, electric surf boards). The entire area is at risk.

And as was the case with the old Ennis Airport. It was not long before it had to be moved further south and expanded to accommodate private jet aircraft with a short private commute through Jack Creek to Big Sky, the Yellowstone Club and Moonlight Basin. The Condon airport will need some redo. Alarmist? Perhaps, but what is POWDR actually planning to do?

There are questions to be answered. It is time for transparency