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Comments: Dear Mr. Steele,

I was born, raised and work in Missoula, Montana. We have dear family friends, Kurt Adelberger & Karen Grove, who are leaseholders and own a cabin built by their grandparents, Lud & Audra Browman, on Holland Lake directly across from the Lodge. My parents, John & Judy Holbrook and I have been fortunate enough, for the last 50 years, to frequent and help maintain the cabin.

Holland Lake is a pristine gem in the Crown of the Continent and this project would undeniably bring significant negative impacts to the ecosystem and the public's experience on public lands.

I oppose the expansion of the Holland Lake Lodge. Further, I believe the current Special Use Permit should be terminated.

There are countless reasons why this project should be rejected including the more than 6223 comments already submitted almost exclusively opposing approval of the proposal. Many of those comments have common objections and themes which I implore you hear and respect. While I could repeat all of them in this letter, the following issues have grabbed my attention:

Christian Wohlfeil has failed to act as a good steward of the Holland Lake Lodge under the existing special use permit and lease. The Special Use Permit should be terminated.

- Violated terms of the permit, lease and operation on public lands by repeatedly, over the last couple decades, demanding that we leave the beach and lawn area by the Lodge for "private parties"
- Invested profits from Holland Lake Lodge in other properties instead of performing reasonable maintenance and improvements
- Violated the terms of the special use permit by bringing in a trailer for work crew housing prior to authorization or approval of the project
- Transferred ownership and operation of Holland Lake Lodge, Inc. to Justin Sibley and Tim Brennwald President and Officers of POWDR. This act alone, without notification and approval of the USFS invalidates the Special Use Permit. It must be terminated per its terms due to change in control.

POWDR has a history of unscrupulous ventures and attempted takeovers.

- Their claims of no further or future expansion plans are completely disingenuous, especially when viewed through the history of their other ventures
- Park City instance where a court ordered them to vacate a property and they threatened to dismantle improvements

<https://archive.curbed.com/2014/9/19/10045388/the-park-city-mtn-resorttalisker-lawsuit-is-officially-over>

Plans to use a Categorical Exclusion - In order to qualify as a Categorical Exclusion, the project cannot: have significant impacts on public health and safety; adversely affect unique geographic characteristics or ecologically significant or critical areas; have highly uncertain environmental effects or risks; affect a listed species or a species proposed for listing; violate any federal, state, local, or tribal laws or requirements imposed for the protection of the environment. If the project is not outright rejected at this phase, I implore the Forest Service to disclose and analyze the Project through a thorough environmental analysis in an EIS.

- Risks to water quality of the lake and Columbia River System downstream
- Effectiveness of waste treatment when increase the deposition 10-fold.
- Reduced water table levels due to new wells and increased use
- Loons, Bull Trout, Lynx & Grizzlies: Section 7(a)(2) of the ESA requires federal agencies to "ensure their activities are not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of federally listed species or destroy or adversely modify designated critical habitat."

The mission of the USDA Forest Service is to sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of the Nation's forests and grasslands to meet the needs of present and future generations.

Follow your mission and reject this proposal.

Thank you for your time and careful consideration.

Sincerely,

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