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Comments: This letter is in addition to my previous letter and necessary now that the public was given more time to comment. I am a research ecologist with a PhD in wildlife ecology and conservation. Specifically, my research focused on medium and large-sized mammals and the impacts of non-motorized recreation. In the past, I worked for numerous federal agencies and am familiar with the NEPA process.

I am appalled both, at a professional level and a personal level, at the actions of the US Forest Service. There has been obvious intentional actions to obfuscate the truth about the process, the impacts, and the intentions of this proposal. The lack of transparency is alarming coming from an agency that is supposed to "care for the land and serve the people."

I oppose the Holland Lake master development plan and ANY development plan that is brought forth by the Utah-based company, POWDR and the FS must stop all negotiations due to procedural illegalities and falsifications.

The proposal would negatively impact the ecology of the area, impact critical habitat for Canada lynx, impede on grizzly bear conservation corridors and use, and irrevocably alter loon nesting.

Canada Lynx is a threatened species and the Holland Lake area is critical habitat as identified by the USFWS. The grizzly bear is also listed as threatened and frequents the Holland Lake area as confirmed by Eric Wenum, Fish, Wildlife, and Parks Bear and Lion Specialist for Montana. Finally, the wolverine is proposed to be listed by the USFWS in the Mountain-Prairie Region, which includes Montana. The proposed increase in the Holland Lake development plan by 300% capacity would undoubtedly negatively impact these species. It is discouraging that the USFS biologist hasn't even approached the FWS for informal consultation. My guess would be that the FS is again obfuscating the truth about the potential risks to these species.

Additionally, the project has proceeded in such a way that there is no way the public can trust the FS or believe that the FS has good intentions. The FS is obligated to go through a series of questions when authorizing a special use permit. One important question is, can this activity be done elsewhere on private land. The answer to that is, yes. There is private land that could be purchased by POWDR in the Swan Valley, but they do not want to purchase it because it is more expensive. This is not a reason that the FS should consider when answering this permit question. The fact that alternatives DO exist is reason enough to answer this question and deny POWDR's request. The permit can be sold by Christian but they FS does NOT have to allow changes to the permit especially those that would threaten the ecology of the area, impact the tangible and intangible qualities of the lake, and permanently destroy that which has been enjoyed and appreciated for a century.

Additionally, there are things that are very alarming. Why did the FS Project Leader sign a document to permit well development? His response was appalling and disciplinary action should be taken against him. He stated something to the effect of, he didn't read it, he signs a lot of documents that come across his desk. How is such disregard for professional duties tolerated in the FS?

I oppose this plan and any other plan for Holland Lake that involves equal or similar levels of development.