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Comments: Put me on the list of local property owners vehemently opposed to the proposal to expand Holland Lake as written.

It seems more and more like this proposal was intended to be sneaked through the permitting process on very short notice with the local public's concerns and impacts be damned! And if today's news is accurate, they are even trying to grandfather this in on an expired permit!

As POWDR Corporation already owns multiple ski resorts elsewhere, I find it hard to believe this is not a foot in the door proposal to leverage another ski resort, with all the profits going to an out of state corporation. A look at their web site shows such mega projects that would be totally out of place at Holland Lake. The Forest Service said they would use the most lenient environmental analysis on the giant proposal instead of employing more rigorous analyses to determine the harmful effects on the ecosystem and surrounding area. Why? The proposal was received in April, and the public was not informed of this use of public land for 4 months! Why such secrecy? Which acreage numbers are correct and will be used? Based on the facts coming out as more light shines on this proposal, it seems more and more like a land grab. I also find it interesting that Montana Governor Gianforte is apparently in Park City today instead of taking care of state business here. Did he fly down on a POWDR corporate jet? The Holland Lake expansion proposal is on public land, that, in the future, will most likely become just another high priced playground for the rich and famous. Given the the inaccuracies in the proposal so far, I do not trust either POWDR, Gianforte, or the US Forest Service to be honest brokers with our public lands!

In a separate and parallel issue, what about water rights? The Confederated Kootenei and Salish Indian tribes are seeking to expand their water rights on that drainage as we speak under Case # WC-0001-C-2021. How will that impact both the public and this project?

While the Holland Lake Lodge does need some work, this proposal needs to go back to the drawing board, be redone properly within the rules, and with more input from the local populace. Or be axed.

Sincerely

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