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Comments: I grew up in the Swan Valley and enjoyed swimming, camping, and hiking in the Holland Lake area. My recent experience camping at Holland Lake showed a major increase in use in the summer consisting mainly of families using non-motorized personal water craft. This type of increase in use can be sustained with minimal increased impacts to the environment. However, the sheer size and scope of the proposed Holland Lake Resort expansion will have a large and cumulative impact on the character and nature of the recreational experience and on the environment and wildlife habitat surrounding Holland Lake.

Tripling the number of overnight guests and expanding the use season to year round will lead to the connected actions of greatly expanding recreational use and its associated impacts in a secluded lake setting and in critical wildlife habitat for grizzly bears, lynx, wolves, loon, and bull trout. The 15 acre footprint associated with the physical development will not begin to address the impacts and connected actions of increased year round use on the surrounding area with its recreational infrastructure and critical wildlife habitat. An EIS with multiple alternatives is necessary to address the potential impacts of connected actions and cumulative effects associated with the increased recreational use of a year round nature. To name a few, the increased garbage, sewage, and lake front erosion associate with the development will attract bears and other wildlife and lead to degradation of water quality for bull trout, loons, and recreationists. The increased use of area trails and visits to nearby natural attractions will lead to overuse of the recreational infrastructure, degradation of the natural environment, air and noise pollution, and disturbance to Threatened, Endangered, and Sensitive wildlife species. The loss of solitude and the change in character of this quiet lake recreational experience and the character of the historic lodge setting will be an irretrievable loss.

If an expansion is undertaken it should be much smaller in scope in order to reduce the associated connected and cumulative effects and irretrievable losses that would result from this proposed action.

After reading the results of the October 4th public meeting, it has come to my attention that the current special use permit must be canceled because the proposing organization, POWDR, is not event the permit holder and thus cannot make a proposal under the current permit held by Christian Wohfiel. The HLL Permit under Paragraph I.H., states that the permit is not assignable or transferable. Any transfer of title to the improvements covered by the permit "shall result in termination of the permit." HLL Permit, Paragraph I.I.2. Under the HLL permit terms, any change in control "shall" result in the termination of the HLL permit. HLL Permit, Paragraph I.J.2. Therefore, an expansion of HLL cannot happen until the current permit is terminated and a new application for a permit is submitted.

Thank you for consideration of my comments.