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Comments: I have spent a great deal of time in the back country and front country throughout the Swan Valley. As a resident of Montana for nearly 30 years, I treasure the public lands of our state, particularly those in and around the Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex. The current proposed expansion of Holland Lake Lodge is a disaster in the making.

Since the best predictor of future behavior is past behavior, all one need do is to look at POWDR Corporation's existing facilities and management. While the footprint of the Holland Lake Lodge expansion is "only" 15 acres, given where the project would be developed (grizzly bear and lynx habitat, in a quiet, rural, lightly developed valley) the impact of construction and associated recreation over time will be excessive and unacceptable. This company will push for permits to allow heli skiing and other inappropriate uses of the Swan Range, like they have done in Utah and other locations.

The Swan Valley is no place for a large, out of state corporation to establish a foothold on public land for high-end "adventure travel" which often seems to mean motorized recreation, mountain biking and similar pursuits. I encourage the Flathead Forest to deny this expansion of Holland Lake Lodge to conserve the wild and rural nature of the Swan Valley, a landscape that generations of Montanans have steadfastly worked to protect. The Forest Service is under no obligation to put wildlife and other public resources at risk for the benefit of any business or corporation. This is a bad idea and one that will be virtually impossible to undo once implemented.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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