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Comments: I am opposed to this project and have these concerns and/or questions:

- *Incomplete and inadequate scoping document released to public September 1 requesting public comment by September 21.
- *The Master Development Plan was not available for public review in a timely manner.
- *Improper use and misapplication of the categorical exclusion
- *A project of this size and scale needs a full Environmental Impact Statement
- *Multiple internal and external documents, including copies of the Special Use Permit, Amendments added even later in September and October.
- *Comment period extended to October 7, which is still inadequate
- *Control of HLL, Inc. along with new HLL Restaurant, LLC formed and handed over to POWDR. State of Montana Liquor license manager changed to CEO of POWDR, Justin Sibley's name.
- *Lack of transparency regarding who the actual owner is at this time
- *Housing/work trailer on the property without formal approval in violation of the SUP.
- *Flathead National Forest Service officials and POWDR admit mistakes, including the admitting that the project considered for change is publicly described as 15 acres, but the proposal is for 19 acres and the actual permit only covers 10.53 acres; incorrect response due date for public comments on the FS web site, which they did finally change
- *No consideration of the increased pressure on emergency services due to the sheer numbers of people that will be involved in road accidents, hiking mishaps, and any and all other medical emergencies
- *Increased human/bear encounters with inexperienced and ignorant people
- *Increased littering that will attract bears and other predators and ruin the landscape
- *Pressure on threatened species present in the area; bull trout, grizzly bear and Canada lynx
- *The increased pressure on law enforcement in any number of ways due to the sheer numbers of guests and employees
- *Increased traffic that will cause additional wear and tear on the road and have an adverse impact on wildlife
- *Deterioration of water quality due to the increase of human waste that will no doubt be deposited into the lake
- *Erosion and destruction of all trails due to increased foot traffic and dog traffic

This unnecessarily large development will likely destroy the unique ecology and rural culture of Swan Valley. POWDR purports to have "taken significant action to protect the environment" and that they are "Protecting the environment through efficient and responsible use of resources..." while providing "soulful" experiences for their clientele. It is disingenuous to insist that their clientele will not be wealthy individuals. The numbers regarding price points validate that. Regardless, the tens of thousands of guests that will cycle through this proposed new facility on an annual basis will not have these purported values that POWDR claims to have, and they will not be concerned with protecting and caring about the Swan Valley. In a podcast on "The Last Chair" dated 10/27/2020, POWDR owner John Cumming talks about his approach: "We're going to run the hell out of these resorts and do the best we can to make them as profitable and self-sustaining as possible and enduring as possible..." What will become of the pristine, serene and quiet beauty of Holland Lake, while POWDR is "running the hell out of it?" What we love and cherish about Holland Lake will be destroyed and lost forever. We will never get it back if this proposal is approved. Save the Swan and Save Holland Lake. Thanks for the opportunity to comment.