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I know thousands of letters have already been written to the Forest Service concerning this project. I know they range from topics on water and waste management concerns, wildlife and endangered species, economic impacts on locals, ethics of the company moving in as well as their undisclosed future plans, and the ability of the public to access their own lands. There are so many more points that I know many others have more eloquently written about as well as with more research, education and experience. I echo all their concerns, as well as the fact that all of this seemed to have been done all while trying to hide it from the public as much as possible. The problem with that is, this land and precious lake is the public people's to enjoy. WE ALL KNOW WHAT HAPPENS WHEN PUBLIC LANDS ARE SOLD (special use permit or not) TO PRIVATE ENTITIES. THEY BECOME LIKE BIG SKY AND WHITE FISH AND KALISPELL AND FLATHEAD LAKE. These areas are beyond the reach of Montana residents to enjoy. They are being pushed out of their own communities because they can no longer afford to recreate or live in those areas that have been "developed and improved".

Holland Lake is so special because it is pristine. It is one of the very last places we can go to get away from the touch of humans. There is no cell phone service there and that is one of the reasons my family loves it there. You can pretend there are no cabins or buildings marring the beautiful landscape in most directions. My family has been camping there for over 50 years. My grandparents had their 50th anniversary there. I am now taking my children (4th generation Holland Lakers) for a week every year and we can already barely get a spot to camp for our reunion. We all say it is our absolute favorite week of the year. YOU KNOW THIS WILL CHANGE EVERYTHING WE LOVE ABOUT THIS LAKE. YOU KNOW IT IS WRONG TO GIVE THIS PRECIOUS PLACE TO OUTSIDERS WHO HAVE NO INTEREST BUT MONEY. There are so many other lakes they could go to. You also know it will restrict public access to the land that we own. This past summer, a Holland Lake Lodge employee yelled at my teenage nephews to go fish somewhere else since he felt they were too close to his property. They were standing in the water. Public water. Wait until this mega resort comes in with rich snobs and they will find a way to ban everyone from the lake. How are they allowed to own all the way down to the water in the proposal? High water line is public property.

An environmental study HAS to be done and seriously considered, not just reported during your decision making process. The comments of all the public need to be considered. The long term tragic effects of this project need to be considered. WE DO NOT NEED ANY MORE RESORTS!!! We live in freezing cold Montana so we can recreate in quiet, beautiful places. The rich can find other spots to go to. Please put nature above any greed. The animals, fish, water, public and children all need this lake just as it is. POWDR can go ruin some other place. PLEASE SAVE HOLLAND LAKE. YOU KNOW IT IS SPECIAL.