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Comments: A project such as this will always have short and long term impacts on the land, the wildlife, and the communities. Even in a city, which has the utility and infrastructure to accommodate the vision of the POWDR corporation, this project would have a big impact. It is on a whole different level being a semi-remote region.

To create their plans, all but 3 of the existing structures will be torn down, trees and other vegetation will be lost to make space the new lodge, restaurant, cabins, bunkies, employee housing, and maintenance buildings as well as parking space for 121 automobiles and 5 RVs. This loss of vegetation is going to create more run off into the pristine lake. The corporation's plans of mitigating this is to maintain a semi-native landscape that has been thinned to improve views and use crushed rock for all pathway and parking surfaces. Yes, crushed rocks do improve water to saturate the soil but now we potentially have 126 vehicles leaking oil and other chemicals, shedding rubber and plastics into the soil on a daily basis.

The surround region is going to have the absorb the 300% increase of overnight guests and daily visitors. This is going to be 300% more impacts on the roads and the hiking trails. This is going to be 300% more deliveries, waste produced, and waste removed. This going to be 300% more visitors swimming in the lake and walking along the shores disrupting critical look habitat. It is going to be 300% more visitors lining the pockets of a big corporation that only sees this historic lodge, pristine lake and wilderness as an asset and nothing more.

It is noted in the special use permit that the concessions offered by the private individuals or corporations must benefit the general public and protect public and natural resource value. This plan only benefits shareholder value, not for Montanans, and not for the land.