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Dear Flathead National Forest Service supervisor,

If it hadn't been for a Facebook post and the great Missoula Current reporting shared with me, I would have had no idea that this development at Holland Lake would soon be an approved project underway. It should have been glaringly obvious that Montanans would need, expect, and deserve ample time to comment on such a project. Furthermore, there are so many reasons that this upper class, upscale development should never exist.

Public lands are overwhelmingly supported by Montanans, lands accessible to everyone, not just those who are wealthy. I was born and raised in Montana, and my family vacations were not to Disney Land or fancy resorts. Our family vacations were all-out tent camping adventures all over this state, and I would not have traded those experiences for those at expensive high-end resorts catering to supercilious elites. Nature is fun-as a kid or an adult-and the least disturbed nature the better. I, in fact, have never been to Holland Lake myself, but have had it on my list of areas to visit someday. I know countless friends who have recreated there or attended special family events and the photos are spectacular. However, I have spent time in many other locations in the Seeley Lake-Swan Valley corridor.

Even more important to me than the recreational opportunities at Holland Lake is protecting the ecosystem and maintaining the integrity of the wilderness for flora and fauna. I want our public lands to be a place for our animals and plants to thrive as well.

I DO NOT support the POWDR proposal or any kind of expansion/development on public lands.

Sincerely,

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