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Comments: I wish to submit a final amendment to my previous comment submitted on 9/6/2022 in regards to the Holland Lake expansion proposal #61746.

As we, the public dig deeper into this proposal we have unearthed many mistakes, agency overlook and general non truths of important information stated and provided to us in early September 2022. I strongly urge the agency, as a citizen of Condon since 1976, that this they extend the comment period to 60 days as provided for in NEPA's statute. An extension to the comment period can hopefully reckon these misguided efforts and imperative public questions can be answered by the agency, for which it publicly serves. Many questions of impropriety and gaps of information remain:

1. The rumors of an outfitters expansion to service and exploit our wilderness which is already over used. We are afraid this would increase the day hiking trails, pack trips, over use of our water ways like rivers, creeks and lakes, and much more. How will current SUPs be treated and integrated as a cumulative effect?
2. As a small rural town pigeoned on a main two-lane highway, the agency and POWDR must conduct additional studies into the increased of traffic and its impacts on wildlife, and human life-- noise pollution, dust and road repairs.
3. The water shed and the lakes ability to handle this amount of more usage on an already very stressed small lake. This would only yet destroy another water shed, which we can not afford to loss.
4. Parking of 140+ cars is not even imaginable for our tiny Holland Lake, the pollution from that alone would be devastating. Increased impervious surfaces along the shoreline will have significant impact to stormwater runoff and non-point source pollution to waterbody.
5. Removal of trees in the riparian area is not permitted by the Flathead National Forest Plan, particularly when removed for any activity other than riparian and ecosystem restoration. This is because removal of key vegetation will only increase rates of erosion and runoff, destroy the shading effects on the ground and disrupt existing avian and fish habitat.
6. The proposed project presents a serious issue of subtle yet incremental change. as to the surrounding land use and natural resources. Expanding, every so lightly 10.53 acres turned into 15 acres still and yet still not suitable for the historic development. I fear never will never be enough, and this incremental change is more of a slow boil of the frog situation for development in wilderness areas in the Swan Valley.
7. We are a very health community, rural community who far too often lack the workforce to fill vacant positions. Increasing the workforce need can not be sustained by our current community demographic. In turn, any increase in increasing workforce can not as the town currently stands be sustained by our infrastructure. We are a small community, with neighbors helping neighbors and currently enjoy our rural idyllic values. This community should be a poster child for what a community should be. We have all sacrificed to live with nature and not destroy it. Why do you think we have one of the most successful and fully functioning eco systems in the USA. We have no greed here to destroy.
8. Categorical exclusion will not provide the answers we are all looking for. This was made clear at the Condon Meeting this CE would only look at impacts of endangered animals Bull trout and grizzly, we need impact on all living creatures including humans as well. A full Environmental Impact Study is warranted with no questions

asked.

The Forest Service has severely underestimated the citizens of Condon. For the Forest Service to think the impacts are not significant enough to just push through CE, is an insult. As earlier articulated I have lived in Condon Montana since 1976, the values of the Condon community embody important tenors of conservation and preservation.

I would like to share our history of the Swan Valley, over a number of decades .

The Swan Valley has been presented with multiple conservation efforts. Here are 4 major initiatives for preservation in the swan Valley.

1 - Conservation easements:

Conservation easements impacted a huge percentage of private acreage in the Swan Valley.

Big promotion of Conservation values. Private lands with restrictions on development and

Uses.

Conservation groups such as Trust for public lands, Mt. Land Reliance, Vital Ground, Nature Conservancy and Five Valley Trust, hold restrictive use easements. Next.

2 - Grizzly Bear Linkage Zones:

Extensive studies which were done here in our valley that indicated

grizzlies and their important part of the eco system, and how fragile it is.

To this day we work hard and sacrifice to live with the grizzlies. Then we have...

3 - Montana Legacy Project:

Montana Legacy project was the conservation of Timber Co. lands (like Plum Creek) to convert into Forest Service lands . One of the larges conservation projects in the USA history. Swan Valley saw the conversation of 67,000 acres to USFS. Out of their total of 310,000 acres in Montana.

4 - Crown of the Continent.

This top off on just how special this valley truly is. The Swan valley is very much a part of the Crown of the Continent. To promote scientific research and recognition of the most valuable eco system, special and fully functioning eco systems in the United States, or even the world.

There you have at least 4 major influences for low density , fragile eco system and preservation at the highest priority, layered on us for decades.

Now an unprecedented highly corporatized destination resort wants to develop our precious gateway into the wilderness. All of these former initiatives demonstrate the community's emphasis on conserving this pristine environment, not to mention our continued support of Open Spaces, Stream setbacks and wildriver destinations. A mega-corporate resort is incongruent to these values.

I am at loss for words for the greed it must take to even propose such destruction. I heard John Cummings was very concerned about global warming. The hypocrisy by he and his colleagues that have spoken to us is insulting, to our intelligence of our respect and love for where we live and sacrifice to m maintain.

I am asking for a complete EIS.

Extension for comments, to connect the dots of other proposals that have been presented to our community in such a short time spanned, such as:

Expansion of outfitter territory Swan Mountain Outfitters Concession for Glacier Park, and now the proposed wilderness boundary from Glacier to the USFS boundary at the summit. Rumor of already with POWDR.

Transfer station up Barber creek Rd.

Holland Lake Lodge Proposal

All of this in a few short months to little Condon Montana, We want answers.