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Comments: I am concerned about the proposed expansion to the Holland Lake Lodge. I request a complete and thorough review of this proposal, including a full environmental impact statement.

Powdr's intentions are unclear to the public. Looking at Powdr's track record as a company, talk is cheap. The local ski hill my family and I went to near Boulder, CO was Eldora Mountain. After Powdr took over a resort, the mountain has had a significant increase in visitors there, however, there has not had proper infrastructure for the crowds Powdr's marketing group has drawn; it has been a challenge for the town of Eldora. My concern is that Powdr's visions for the Holland Lake Lodge will not be sustainable. The local communities need to be thought of with the size of proposal being considered. There are limited environmental resources, emergency vehicles, roadways, workers, housing for employees, etc. While improving the building that are at Holland Lake Lodge would be beneficial, turning it into a resort or resort-like community would be a detriment to the community and the surrounding areas.

I am concerned that the Holland Lake Lodge and USFS planned on pursuing a categorical exclusion for development where they would be excluded from comprehensive environmental review if they are determined to not have significant environmental impact. Is the Lodge staying within it's current permit-area or expanding their permitted area? What will the impact be for wildlife, especially if the resort is operational year round as it has always been closed in the winter? In such a pristine area, it is not appropriate to be excluded from environmental review.

Public land needs to be protected, by you, by us, for public use, and not to be used by a mega corporation to exploit it for profit. Public lands need to be available to us all for generations to come.