RE:  Support for the Mission Ridge Expansion Project

TREAD (**T**rails **R**ecreation **A**dvocacy and **D**evelopment) is a regional non-profit outdoor recreation organization representing all forms of outdoor recreation. TREAD has over 30 Ex-Officio partners including land managers/owners, municipalities, governmental regulatory bodies, and organized outdoor recreation clubs and associations.

An overwhelming majority of our stakeholders and members very strongly support this project. In addition to the winter recreation benefit, Mission Ridge is a critical asset to our community and embodies our value system. The resort was founded by our community over fifty years ago and is still alive today due to good, local ownership. Mission Ridge contributes to our quality of life and is one of our region's core drivers of the winter economy. This project will not only enhance winter recreation, it will create new local jobs and benefit our economy.

TREAD has watched Mission Ridge through its many community outreach projects, and has participated alongside Mission Ridge during the Stemilt Partnership Planning work. This community-minded and thorough outreach work has been commendable. Mission Ridge has always been a good steward of our public land and we are confident that they will continue to maintain this tradition into the future.

This project offers our region and state amazing enhanced recreation opportunities and spectacular quality of life for our community. We are so excited about the potential of the project.

The Mission Ridge Expansion has been appropriately identified as an “action item” by our community, and our region in the Our Valley Our Future plan. TREAD’s support for this project is very strong!

Sincerely,



Mat Lyons

TREAD Executive Director