



## NORTHWEST DIVISION

Professional Ski Instructors of America  
American Association of Snowboard Instructors

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To: United States Forest Service

Re: Mission Ridge Ski and Board Resort Expansion Project #53981

To Whom It May Concern,

Our organization is greatly supported by resorts such as Mission Ridge. In our mission to have all snowsport instructors reach their full potential and bring more people to the outdoors, Mission is pivotal in helping with this. Their support of this mission helps us continue to bring more people into the outdoors for the first time or the fiftieth time.

Additionally, our headquarters are in Wenatchee, Washington. Living here and watching Mission grow and develop its relationships with the businesses and our community is exciting. The resort isn't something that just sits at the end of the road at 4,000' elevation, it brings the hill down to town, in its various events and such as the Rails and Ales and driving the Piston Bully's through town during Apple Blossom.

This expansion will continue to allow Mission Ridge to do what it does so well, inspiring this community, showing its care for the people living here and encouraging others to come and experience the great area here and all the beauty the outdoors has for us. This may be even more important now, given the times. Improving access for people to come up and play in the mountain environment, be it sliding on the snow for the first time, mountain biking, creating more nordic skiing in the area, hiking or just coming up for some fresh air and sunshine in the middle of the winter.

Having been a part of this community for over 50 years, we know they will be here for 50 more plus and with this expansion, it better secures the ability for them to be. They are dedicated to land management and the community. With these two things alone, this expansion should be an easy decision to better keep this vital outdoor provider a part of our community.

Thank you for your time.  
Sincerely,

Kirsten Huotte  
CEO

