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Comments: I am writing in support of the expansion of the Mission Ridge ski area. The ski area is a vital part of what makes Wenatchee such a wonderful place to live. The ski area provides an avenue for physical activity in the winter, brings in tourism dollars and supports the local economy. It also aids with recruiting top professionals in many industries. I think the ski area should maximize existing terrain by adding or widening more runs and significantly thinning trees. This would help accommodate more skiers and prevent overcrowding on the same acreage. 49 Degrees North is a great example of a small area that skis much larger than it is. Growth and change is inevitable, planning for it will promote a better product with less impact. Losing Mission Ridge would be a big blow to Wenatchee.