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I am totally in favor of this expansion plan.

It is critical for the long term viability and sustainability of this very special independent ski area. This ski area is such a special place, providing much needed easily accessible winter recreation to not only the local residents of the Wenatchee Valley and North Central Washington, but all of the out of area visitors who visit Mission Ridge each winter.

This is the sort of thing that allows our citizens to enjoy the wonderful National Forest public lands set aside for the enjoyment of all of us. I have no concerns regarding the commitment and integrity of the applicant to protect the private and adjoining public lands from harm in this development process.

It is evident to me that the reason for this expansion is truly to provide better experiences for the citizens of this area and to anchor the long range viability of this fragile locally owned ski area.

Please allow this expansion to happen as soon as possible, as it is such a special place for us to ski and pass it on to our children and grandchildren.

I learned to ski at Mission Ridge, my 4 children learned to ski at Mission Ridge, and just today 2 of my grandchildren ages 2 and 4 started skiing at Mission Ridge. What a special place.