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Comments: I am writing to present arguments against the approval of the Mission Ridge Expansion Plan, based on conditions around wildfire risk and uncertainty of water availability within the Squilchuck Basin, and other issues. I feel that this proposed expansion would be detrimental to our area. We already have a wonderful ski area that suits the size of our population, and the proposals are far too extreme, especially given our current climate issues.

In the 1970's I worked at Mt Pilchuck ski area; a low snow area that was developed on the strength of several years of high snow content. After several years of more normal snowfall, the ski area collapsed and closed. It is still closed. My concern is that we will destroy large areas of our natural environment, build homes and infrastructure in places where they do not belong, only to experience milder winters where we may have no skiing at all. Also, skiing is fast becoming a rich person's sport, whereas hiking and snowshoeing are free, and have minimal impact on areas that are crucial to wildlife.

At a minimum, I urge Chelan County to seek consultation from a hydrologist and a wildland fire risk manager who can evaluate the technical reports submitted by the developer, and to determine future potential liabilities the development that will fall on the county to fund. Chelan County needs to incorporate climate-change forecasts for eastside Cascade Mountains the next 50 years, developed by the University of Washington and available through the Climate Impacts Group <https://cig.uw.edu/>

I believe that overuse of this area will be extremely detrimental, and have a very negative impact of the beauty of our area, and could ultimately develop into the tragic situation like that which struck the Broadview subdivision, burning multiple homes. In that instance we were very fortunate that no lives were lost. However, we could be setting ourselves up for a situation very like the Camp Fire in Paradise, California.