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Comments: For background, I have been skiing for over 60 years, and have skied at Mission since they opened in 1966. My family was one of the local families that invested in the original project. My family invested with goal of having a viable family-oriented ski resort for the Wenatchee Valley. Profit or return on the investment was not the reason for the investment. Since the inception, I have observed the challenges of maintaining economic viability for Mission Ridge. Ownership has changed several times, and the original local investors lost their financial investment. However, with the current ownership and management, we have succeeded, as we do have a family-oriented resort, and the benefits to our community are profound.

My concern for Mission Ridge is that it must maintain economically viable. In my opinion, current ownership and management has made good changes and is constantly improving the resort. However, economic success is not guaranteed. For us (local folks) to have a local resort, it must be economically viable.

I believe the proposed improvements and expansion will, over the long term, improve both the economic and recreation diversity for the resort. These improvements will add to both quality of life (healthy recreation) and economic growth for our community. I do not believe the expansion will harm, in any way, the current skiing experience, or environmental attributes for the site.

Once any environmental and wildlife concerns are properly reviewed and/or mitigated, I fully support the project.