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Comments: I am writing to express my support for the Mission Ridge expansion. I believe Mission Ridge is a huge asset to the Chelan County and the entire region. Apart from the obvious economic benefits, Mission Ridge provides an absolutely phenomenal opportunity for families to recreate together during the winter; and not just families but our entire community. At Mission Ridge kids can learn a recreational skill that they can carry through well into their later years. The seniors, like myself who still ski bear evidence to this fact.

This and all benefits associated with Mission Ridge are contingent on it remaining a viable business. As a person who has spent most of my adult work life in agriculture I understand the realities of operating a business subject to risk. Most people are aware of the risks of our fruit industry but I believe those pale in comparison to the challenges of operating a ski area. Mission Ridge and its owner deserve the opportunity to put the resort on a firmer financial footing that will also make possible the kinds of improvements necessary to ensure its long term success. Without financial viability, our community cannot expect Mission Ridge to continue as we know it.

I trust that the US Forest Service will exercise its reasonable responsibilities in the permitting of this project, however I encourage that in this review that every effort be made to get to a strong yes in approving this important project.