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Comments: I am in favor of the expansion plans at Mission Ridge Ski Resort. As a community member, I appreciate this wonderful amenity in our region and believe the expansion is helpful to assure its continued financial viability. I learned to ski with my children at Mission Ridge nearly thirty years ago and have recently begun to ski with my grandchildren when they visit.

Providing additional beginner terrain will improve safety for future learners and opening additional parts of the mountain for downhill and cross country skiers will help enhance the experience for users. The additional parking will hopefully reduce the days when people have to be turned away for lack of parking spaces. On-mountain lodging options can make the Ridge a more attractive destination resort so more skiers and visitors will come and spend their money here, helping improve employment opportunities in the Wenatchee Valley and throughout the region.

Mission Ridge is an important economic driver for our region and an attractive amenity used in recruiting physicians and other professionals to live and serve in our community. I encourage the approval of this well thought out expansion plan.