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Comments: Huge corporations are taking over many of the ski areas in the west. In order for smaller areas to survive, they have to serve their local community (which Mission does in spades) AND attract destination skiers. On-mountain lodging becomes a differentiation for Mission from most other ski areas in the Cascades. And it will likely result in off-season use by vacationers, helping to level out the business and revenue flows, as well as employment opportunities.

Additionally, the proposed expansion area will be very desirable for beginning skiers. We took our granddaughter to Mission for her very first ski day several years ago, and while a great day, their novice terrain IS quite limited.

Just make sure they do not lose the small-area vibe and prices, please.