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Comments: I oppose the Mission Ridge expansion project for many reasons:

1. High fire danger. It is irresponsible to encourage development in the forests of Eastern Washington. What insurance company would take this on?
2. Limited water resources. There is not enough to go around and forecasts predict less water in the future.
3. Increased vehicular traffic. Traffic brings noise, air pollution, frustration, and accidents.
4. Loss of quiet, backcountry ski terrain.
5. Light pollution. The huge development will be lit up, making it visible year-round to everyone who looks up at Mission Ridge at night. Can you imagine a big spot of light on Mount Rainier? Mission Ridge creates our valley's beautiful skyline and should remain natural for all residents below to enjoy.
6. Taking away from our community. Adding lodging and restaurants to the ski area will not help Wenatchee and East Wenatchee. People will choose not to drive back to town to sleep or eat, so this expansion only helps the developers. Wenatchee and East Wenatchee will be left with empty hotels and restaurants.

Please do not approve the expansion.