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Comments: I live 4 miles from Mission Ridge and have skied, hiked and biked in the area for about 40 years. I have lived at my current home for 24 years. I feel blessed to live here.

I have huge concerns that I don't see addressed in the Expansion plans. There is one road out from Mission Ridge. There are no alternate routes until you reach the turn off for Methow St. The turn off to Wenatchee Heights, is not a viable option in light of a disaster. If you have left Mission Ridge and headed toward Wenatchee between 3 and 5 o'clock, you have experienced a traffic back-up. This is terrifying in light of a disaster. While the traffic back up is irritating at this level, it would become life threatening in light of a natural disaster. Fire, of course, is the first consideration, but slides, avalanches are also a consideration.

I think of Paradise, California when I hear more news of the expansion. The threat of loss of life and homes is very real. It would be helpful to study the scenarios of California fires to learn more about the threat of lives, homes and communities. It would be shameful to repeat mistakes that devastated a community.

These are main concerns. I have been one to hike or skin up to the backcountry areas that are dear to my heart. I would hate to see them become overcrowded and misused.

Thank you for considering my comments. I am happy to share more.