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Comments: The Mission Ridge expansion will create overuse problems in the upper Squilchuck basin. The development will add very little ski able terrain to the resort. It is primarily a real estate and parking lot development. The resort will be consistently overcrowded, as will the trails that can be accessed from the Mission Ridge parking lot, especially the Clara Lake Trail.

Putting 4000 pillow development at the head of tight canyon, in heavy timber, on the east side of the cascades in a fire-prone ecosystem is irresponsible. Mission Ridge ski area is only accessed by 1 narrow road. If a wildfire starts anywhere between the development and the base of the canyon between mid-July and late September the only egress route will be cut off and there will likely not be time to evacuate the Mission Ridge Ski Area.