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Comments: I am writing to you as someone who enjoys the out of doors in many forms, from hiking, to both cross country and downhill skiing. I have enjoyed skiing at Mission Ridge through the years and have always appreciated the small, community feeling. I certainly understand that there is some potential to expand the ski area including providing some on-site housing, particularly for employees. And perhaps remodeling the existing lodge. But the scope of the proposed expansion is a cause of concern to me.

We are moving forward into an era of climate change. This season, alone, saw very low snowpack. Sadly, this pattern will continue. While snow-making can help somewhat, it is limited.

The 20 year plan, eventually seeing a total of 896 housing units, 110,000 sf of commercial space and a convention space, is totally out of scale for the area. The impact on the surrounding environment from traffic, garbage, noise and other activity, which with all of the housing units, year-round instead of just in the winter months, will be huge. Water usage as well, will likely have a tremendous impact on ground water including streamflow essential for wildlife. I urge you to work with the proponents of this expansion to greatly scale down the size to a project with much less impact on the surrounding environment.