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Comments: I am responding on 3/27/2020 via web input site which states "comments requested by 4/10/2020. None of the proposed alternatives try to address issues without the real estate development on private land. Was expansion of current buildings (Hampton Lodge, midway lodge, ski school building) considered to ease overcrowding? Were options for more parking within the existing permit area or in the immediate area considered? Bussing employees from Wenatchee (Stevens Pass has an employee bus from Leavenworth) would reduce the parking issue. Were options for more beginner terrain considered on Chair 1 and chair 4? Using the midway station on chair 4 and regrading some runs would increase beginner terrain. A surface lift or magic carpet could also increase beginner area access. Runs on the opposite side of chair 1 from Mimi could be expanded and developed. Also, adding chairs to the outback within the proposed expansion area would increase skier terrain, without needing private real estate development. Overnight accommodations are not required to keep Mission Ridge viable. The effects of creating access to a private parcel where a "small city" will be built will impact the surroundings significantly.

The forest service is not obligated to provide access to this private land, just because the permit or their associates own the land and want to develop it. There are other access routes for residential development on this private land. Expansions of permit areas are not meant to be for private benefit. This expansion project seems to be more for private benefit as a real estate development than as a ski area expansion to benefit the ski area.