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Comments: To Whom it May Concern:

The proposed Mission Ridge development is a safety hazard in regard to fire threats. Any fire response team will have to drive at least five miles on a narrow canyon road with slope angles exceeding 20% most of the way. The Squilchuck drainage has been designated a "high fire risk" area. The USFS should take into account the role it will play permitting infrastructure that will likely someday place firefighters in a life-threatening situation. The inhabitants of the development itself would also be at risk with only one ingress and egress.

Also, page 11 of the EA, under "Regulatory Framework: Management Direction and Guidance of the FLRMP states: "New recreation sites should be constructed where demand is high and overuse problems are occurring at existing sites." The development proposal is contradictory to the guidance of the FLRMP because it causes overuse in the Stemilt Basin that is currently mainly used by backcountry skiers.