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Comments: To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to fully support the Mission Ridge Expansion Project. As a business owner in the Wenatchee Valley, I believe that the existing Mission Ridge Ski & Board Resort is an important economic driver to our county, and communities within it. The expansion is long overdue and will benefit our Valley by promoting tourism, recreation, and creating jobs to improve the quality of life for locals.

I'm an avid skier and look forward to the new recreational opportunities the Expansion Project will provide. Nordic skiing and snowshoe trails, much-needed overnight accommodations, and non-skiing activities that encourage families to recreate in our beautiful outdoors are a few of the many benefits of the Expansion plan. Most importantly, the Mission Ridge Expansion Master Plan Resort meets the general requirements as outlined in Chelan County Code 11.89.040 for a Master Planned Resort. It's also taking an approach that leaves 70% of the 502 total acres as open space.

I fully support the Mission Ridge Expansion Project to keep our local ski resort a sustainable operation for generations to come, while preserving open space. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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