



To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my support for the proposed Mission Ridge Ski and Board Resort Expansion project, as presented in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. As Executive Director of the Leavenworth Winter Sports Club—and with a professional background rooted in global adventure travel and local experience as a Nordic coach—I deeply value access, stewardship, and human-powered recreation for their health benefits, economic contributions, and ability to inspire lifelong stewardship. This expansion represents an opportunity to significantly enhance our region's recreational offerings and strengthen our community.

The proposed expansion is poised to be a monumental step forward in positioning the region as a hub for winter sports culture, aligning with the values I champion. Human-powered outdoor recreation has the potential to create advocates for the sustainable stewardship of our state's abundant natural resources. The expansion promises improved recreational access, opening new terrain and diverse experiences for all ages and skill levels—from beginners to seasoned adventurers—fostering a broader community of outdoor enthusiasts. Furthermore, it will enhance the skier and rider experience through thoughtful design and innovative infrastructure.

From my perspective as someone dedicated to outdoor access, I urge the DEIS process to prioritize inclusive community participation in the final design. The new infrastructure should support not only alpine skiing but also Nordic and other year-round recreational activities, making Mission Ridge a truly authentic, multi-faceted mountain destination for generations to come.

This project is a vital catalyst for community growth, bringing economic vitality, job creation, and increased visitation to Leavenworth and the greater Wenatchee Valley. By providing top-tier, accessible opportunities for all ages and abilities, the expansion reinforces our identity as a premier destination for winter and year-round recreation. The infrastructure improvements outlined in the plan, particularly those emphasizing resilient winter operations, present an exciting vision for the future of mountain sports in our community.

In conclusion, the Mission Ridge Expansion stands to deliver positive impacts across both recreational and economic fronts. I endorse its approval and am excited for the future it promises for our region.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Murray Bartholomew", written in a cursive style.

Murray Bartholomew
Executive Director
Leavenworth Winter Sports Club