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Mission Ridge Expansion Master Planned Resort Draft EIS
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RE: Letter of Support for Mission Ridge Ski Area Expansion

To Whom It May Concern,

As the Senior Vice President of MountainGuard, the largest insurer of ski areas in North America, I am writing to express our support for the proposed expansion of Mission Ridge Ski & Board Resort.

MountainGuard has been insuring the ski industry for over 63 years and has supported numerous ski area expansion projects across North America. Based on our experience, the scope and nature of Mission Ridge's proposed expansion are consistent with many other successful and responsibly executed projects we've underwritten.

While we have not been directly involved in the development of the expansion plan, Mission Ridge has shared the project details with us, and we are familiar with the overall vision. Our wildfire risk team has conducted inspections of the ski area and currently finds the wildfire exposure acceptable for continued insurance coverage. We anticipate continuing our long-standing partnership with Mission Ridge and are prepared to insure the expanded infrastructure, including the base village, lodges, ski lifts, tubing operations, maintenance facilities, and other buildings and operations owned and operated by the resort.

Mission Ridge has demonstrated a strong commitment to risk management and operational safety—principles that are central to our underwriting philosophy. We are confident in their ability to execute this expansion responsibly and believe the project will bring lasting benefits to the community and the regional economy.

Sincerely,
Tim Hendrickson
Senior Vice President
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