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Dear Mike,

I hope you are getting ready for a wonderful ski season! Your work is important and your integrity is appreciated.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on the Mission Ridge Expansion Master Planned Resort DEIS. Please consider this letter my official comment on this proposal.

I will comment on a few of what I see as deficiencies in the DEIS, but first let me make a statement on the bigger picture: Anyone making a decision about allowing this project to proceed should be required to spend a couple hours in Chelan, Washington studying that city; noting access into and out of that city, width of roadways, noting the details of the water system, the sewage system, the fire department, fire risks, law enforcement, etc. I cannot imagine that anyone could honestly believe that a city with a population greater than Chelan should be located in section 19 of Chelan County. Yet this "master planned Resort" proposes exactly that: a city with a population greater than Chelan! I cannot imagine that anyone could conceive of that as anything but ludicrous!

Secondly, it angers me that the developer is billing this as an "expansion" to the ski area. This ridiculous development has very little to do with skiing or other winter recreation....it is just a huge housing development!

We have urban growth boundaries for good reason. This "master planned development" is well outside our urban growth boundary and should NOT be allowed!

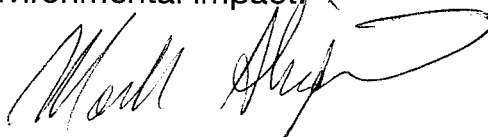
Water: Water problems are NOT adequately addressed in the DEIS. For example, the Beehive/Squilchuck water district runs out of water nearly every year. Yet this is the same water table that would be used for wells in the development.

In addition, I see no mention of Kittitas County weighing in, even though the county line is a very short distance from the proposed development. I am certain that water use by the proposed development will also affect water availability in Kittitas county.

A new well is proposed in phase 1 of the proposed project. This will clearly decrease water availability for both the Stemilt and Squilchuck systems. If further wells are drilled as proposed, this will further exacerbate the lack of water. And, whether folks want to believe it or not, Chelan PUD water (proposed as the next step, if wells are not enough) which is in hydraulic continuity with the Columbia River, is itself NOT unlimited.

Fire Risk: Fire risk is clearly NOT adequately addressed by the proposal. This is a high fire risk area! Chelan County requirements for adequate escape routes should be strictly followed, with no exceptions. Proposing that the existing Mission Ridge Road is adequate as the only exit for this huge development is absolutely unacceptable. Allowing the proposal to move ahead with only one exit will without a doubt result in significant loss of life in the future.

There are numerous reasons the so called "Mission Ridge Expansion Master Planned Resort" should not be allowed to proceed as proposed. As I see it, the "no action alternative" is the only reasonable choice. This saddens me because adding a little bit more Alpine ski terrain as well some Nordic ski terrain to the current Mission Ridge Resort would probably result in little if any environmental impact. However, this housing development, as proposed, clearly has huge and unacceptable environmental impact.



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