## The Mission Ridge Expansion







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Economic Significance Report

**Cultural Resources Report** 

**Development Agreement** 

### 1.0 Project Narrative

### A. History of Mission Ridge and Background

The Mission Ridge Ski and Board Resort has provided exceptional outdoor recreational experiences since its inception in 1966. For over 50 years, Mission Ridge has been an integral part of the greater Wenatchee Valley and North Central Washington, as well as a destination for visitors throughout our region. Interest in recreational opportunities at Mission Ridge has grown during this time, and Mission Ridge is in a unique position to meet that public demand while maintaining the character that makes it so special.





The current resort sits on over 2,000 acres of leased U.S. Forest Service and Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife land and is located only 12 miles from the City of Wenatchee. In addition to the Hampton Lodge, which has a full restaurant/bar and ski rentals and services, Mission has four ski lifts, 36 designated trails, and a vertical rise of 2,250 feet, which places the top elevation for the resort at 6,820 feet above sea level. Mission Ridge is primarily a day/local use alpine ski area. However, Mission Ridge also serves regional skiers who travel and rely upon overnight accommodations for multi-day skiing experiences. Access to Sections 19 and 30 for the Mission Ridge Expansion will allow Mission Ridge to grow in vital areas that are currently weaknesses and have stymied growth. It will also provide connectivity

between the existing resort and the proposed Master Planned Resort. Development on the new property could vastly improve the following services: parking, beginner terrain, overnight accommodations, Nordic skiing, general winter snow-play, access to backcountry ski-touring, and recreational experiences close to town that the public desires.

Currently, Mission Ridge has limitations that have impeded the ability to provide a full range of services and has put sustainability of the ski area at risk. As an example, existing on-site parking facilities have proven to be insufficient to meet customer demand when peak volumes occur. Beginner skiers are currently limited to inadequately sized learning terrain and high volume, main corridor beginner runs. Families or groups that include non-skiers or Nordic skiers do not have options at Mission Ridge that are required to meet our customers' needs. Finally, Mission Ridge lacks onsite overnight accommodations and as a result loses the opportunity to bring in families looking for a full-service vacation experience.

In 2014, Larry Scrivanich, owner of Mission Ridge, purchased approximately 800 acres of private land adjacent to the current Mission Ridge Ski and Board Resort (approximately 502 of those acres are included within the proposed project). Since then, the Mission Ridge team has been working with the Wenatchee Valley community to develop a plan that would integrate existing resort amenities with expanded services and recreational opportunities. The overarching goals and foundation for this project are to provide a project that meets and exceeds county requirements while implementing the four core values of Mission Ridge; **Joy, Freedom, Exploration and Community.** The Mission Ridge Expansion is designed to enhance and grow all these values.

### **B. Project Overview**

Pursuant to Chelan County Code (CCC), Chapter 11.89, a Master Planned Resorts (MPR) Overlay District is proposed on approximately 502 acres of land that is directly adjacent to the existing Mission Ridge Ski and Board Resort. Given the size of the project, economic factors, and limited time of year when construction can take place, the project is expected to be permitted and built over a 20year timeframe and utilize a phased approach. In order to ensure consistent regulations and process throughout the life of the proposal, a Development Agreement has been applied for concurrently with the Master Planned Resort application, pursuant to CCC 14.18. The proposed term of the Development Agreement would be 25 years.



Lastly, the requirements and proposed development standards within CCC 11.89 are addressed throughout project narrative. However, it is important to highlight that maximum building heights, when differing from the underlying zoning, must be specifically approved by the hearing examiner. pursuant to CCC 11.89.050(5), "...The maximum building height will conform to that of the underlying zone, unless otherwise approved by the hearing examiner." The maximum building height of the underlying zoning is 35ft. We are asking for the hearing examiner to approve building heights consistent with the Bulk Standard Requirements Table on Page 11.

The project is designed to meet and exceed the requirements and purpose of a Master Planned Resort as defined in county code. That is to "...enhance and diversify the recreational and economic opportunities in Chelan County through the development of master planned resorts that compliments the natural and cultural attractiveness of the area without significant adverse effects on natural and environmental features, cultural or historic resources. The master planned resort chapter allows for development of planned destination resorts which provide a designated mixture of visitor-oriented accommodations, including a variety of residential, recreational, and commercial facilities, consistent with the comprehensive plan."

The Mission Ridge Expansion Master Planned Resort has been designed to enhance and diversify the recreational and economic opportunities in Chelan County through the development of a master

planned resort that complements the natural and cultural attractiveness of the area without significant adverse effects on natural and environmental features, cultural, or historic resources. Supplemental reports have been produced and are appended to this application, to supplement the SEPA checklist and outline how these goals are being met.

The project also focuses on enhancing the diversity of recreational and economic opportunities and is designed to complement and integrate in with the existing Mission Ridge Ski and Board Resort, which has been providing exceptional outdoor recreational experiences since its inception in 1966. The Mission Ridge Expansion MPR is focused on enhanced recreational opportunities, visitor accommodations, and commercial uses that support the MPR. It will consist of five phases and is expected to build out over a 20-year timeframe. A Development Agreement has been applied for to guide the development process. As the site plans indicates, the Master Planned Resort will provide a mixture of commercial, residential (single family, condo, townhomes), and recreational opportunities.

The following table provides an overview of the proposed residential and commercial components of the project followed by an overview of recreational and commercial components, phasing timelines, and development agreement framework.

### Planned Residential and Commercial Breakdown by Phase

	Condominiums, Townhomes and Duplexes (Total Units)	Single Family Detached Units	Hotel/ Lodge	Commercial Space/Skier Services	Employee housing
Phase 1	172	102		60,000	
Phase 2	162	50	57	20,000	40*
Phase 3	156	41		18,500	
Phase 4	131	41		11,500	40*
Phase 5	-	41			
Total	621	275		110,000	80*

<sup>\*</sup> Employee housing is envisioned as dormitory-style and open-concept bed options for seasonal employees. Some beds may provide more permanent accommodations if needed. Phasing of employee housing could change depending on employment needs.

### i. Recreational Facilities Overview

The Mission Ridge Expansion will provide new ski runs that will connect to the existing resort, Nordic trails, hiking and biking trails, and other outdoor recreational activities for year-round enjoyment of the area. Beginner and intermediate ski terrain will allow for growth and for the resort to teach more and more people a love for the mountains and of skiing. The designated runs and gladed tree skiing will intermingle with home sites and gathering areas, creating a community of like-minded outdoor enthusiasts. In response to community input and interest, there will be new Nordic ski trails developed throughout the area. Please see the site plans for the arrangement of Nordic trails relative to the other elements of the site.

Many outdoor recreation opportunities will be explored and developed within the resort expansion. These will include popular and simple trail development for mountain biking and hiking along with improved opportunities for ADA access to mountain experiences.

Opportunities for outdoor recreation such as camping, horseback riding, zip lines, Alpine coasters, and others will be explored.

### ii. Short Term Visitor Accommodation Overview

Dwelling units of all types may be utilized as vacation homes or short-term visitor accommodations. All short-term visitor accommodations will be managed by Tamarack or its assigns. As described in the table above, a 57-unit lodge is also proposed as part of Phase 2. This approach is consistent with Chelan County Code.

### iii. Residential Component Overview

Residential units are designed for full time living, vacation homes, and for short term visitor accommodations, which will be managed by the resort. On-site housing for employees is a focus of the application, with 40 beds proposed for Phase 2 and an additional 40 proposed for Phase 4. It is anticipated that most of the beds provided would be for seasonal employees. Private rooms may be provided for some employees based upon the need.

### iv. Commercial and Cultural Community and Entertainment Uses Overview

The Resort will host approximately 110,000 square feet of commercial space and associated parking for day use of the area. This will include a variety of commercial and entertainment uses including, restaurants, skier services, retail and specialty shops, bars, office space, real estate services, facilities to host recreational events such as weddings and concerts, and conference facilities. All commercial and entertainment components are intended to only serve and support the Master Planned Resort. A full set of proposed uses is outlined within the application.

### v. Governmental Services Overview

The Resort will make provisions for services needed to support the resort. This includes provisions for transportation-related facilities, emergency/medical facilities, fire protection, law enforcement/security, waste disposal, and utilities. We intend to work closely with service providers during construction and post construction as we currently do at the existing resort.

### vi. Specific Use and Activities

Chelan County Code 11.89.030 outlines the types of recreational, short term visitor accommodation, residential development, commercial facility, governmental facility, and cultural community and entertainment facility uses typically allowed within a Master Planned Resort. All the uses anticipated within the Mission Ridge Expansion are in line with these types of uses and are designed to support the Master Planned Resort. The table in Section C of the project narrative outlines the specific uses that would be permitted as part of this Master Planned Resort. The table breaks down the use categories consistent with 11.89.030 and the use matrix in 11.04. It is important to recognize some or many of the commercial and recreation uses may not take place but are necessary to list as being permitted since there is no use table for a Master Planned Resort overlay. The uses listed in the narrative are mirrored in the draft Development Agreement.

### vii. Project Phasing Overview

The Mission Ridge Expansion is expected to be built out over a 20-year timeframe and will take place in phases. Construction of required infrastructure, such as roads, will be provided commensurate with the project phase, and mitigation for each phase will be reviewed and implemented as part of the land use application process to ensure Chelan County Code requirements are met.

Economic and market conditions will drive the actual build out timeframe. Flexibility for project phases is built into the draft development agreement for this project. While we expect the buildout to occur over 20 years, the term of the development agreement would be twenty-five years. The following is our proposed phasing and timelines for the Mission Ridge Expansion MPR:

- ➤ 2018-2020 Permitting for Master Planned Resort Overlay and Development Agreement approval.
- ➤ 2020-2025 Phase 1 permitting and construction
- ➤ 2026-2028 Phase 2 permitting and construction
- ➤ 2029-2032 Phase 3 permitting and construction
- ➤ 2033-2038 Phase 4 permitting and construction
- ➤ 2038-2040 Phase 5 permitting and construction

### viii. Development Agreement Overview

Development Agreements are authorized by RCW 36.70B and have been implemented into Chelan County Code under Chapter 14.18. As the statute outlines, "A development agreement must set forth the development standards and other provisions that shall apply to and govern and vest the development, use, and mitigation of the development of the real property for the duration specified in the agreement."

A Development Agreement is often used for projects, like the Mission Ridge Expansion, that are phased and have long build out periods. It is especially important for a Master Planned Resort Overlay because the Development Agreement will outline the bulk standards and uses that are authorized within the MPR. Further, items like project mitigation and vesting are addressed to ensure there are uniform standards for development as construction occurs. An outline of issues to be addressed in a Development Agreement is outlined within CCC 14.18.030.

The Development Agreement for Mission Ridge is proposing a twenty-five-year time period for vesting. While the development phasing is anticipated to occur over a twenty-year period, a twenty-five-year period is proposed to provide a buffer for unforeseen circumstances that might delay project completion.

### ix. Development outside of proposed Master Planned Resort

In addition to the development proposed as part of the Master Planned Resort (MPR), there is some additional infrastructure development that will take place adjacent to the project area on USFS and DFW lands: constructing a new access road from the existing Mission Ridge base area to the private parcel in Section 19; amending the Mission Ridge US Forest Service special use permit; and constructing new alpine ski lifts and ski runs on Forest Service and DFW lands as well as expanding ski area operations and a community development on private land. Site Plan sheet 3: Cadastral Plan and sheet 8: Mountain Infrastructure Plan provide an overview of the relationship between the proposed MPR and improvements proposed on USFS and DFW land. Mission Ridge is simultaneously working with the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest (OWNF) to prepare an environmental assessment (EA). The purpose of the EA is to analyze the proposal to expand Mission Ridge operations on Federal Land as guided by Wenatchee National Forest Management Plan direction. The

EA will be prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, regulations of the Council on Environmental Quality (40 CFR §1508.9). Although these additions are not part of the MPR application, we have included them within the project narrative discussion and SEPA checklist. Additional information may be found within Section N of the project narrative.

### **Project Fact Sheet**

Project Element	Information		
Applicant name/address	Tamarack Saddle LLC Larry Scrivanich PO Box 2174 Woodinville WA 98072		
Applicant contact person	Clay White Director of Planning, LDC Inc. 20210 142 <sup>nd</sup> Ave NE Woodinville, WA 98072		
Project Location, Parcel Numbers, & Acreage	The Mission Ridge Expansion is located directly adjacent to the existing Mission Ridge Ski and Board Resort within Township 21, Range 20, Sections 19 and 30.  Portion of parcel 212019000000 = 456.37 acres Portion of parcel 212030100050 = 46.05 acres  MPR Project Area: 502.42 acres		
Legal Description	A full legal description is provided in Section 3.0		
Current Property Zoning	RR-20		
Comprehensive Plan designation	RR-20		
Requested Property Zoning	Master Planned Resort Overlay		
Other applications and materials submitted to Chelan County with Master Planned Resort Application	Development Agreement application, Site Plans, SEPA checklist, supplemental information reports (see below)		
Permit Process – Master Planned Development Overlay	Processed as quasi-judicial permit under CCC 14.10.040. This will require an open record hearing with the Hearing Examiner.		
Permit Process – Development Agreement	Processed as a legislative application under CCC 14.10.050 and requires an open record hearing with the Chelan County Board of Commissioners.  The hearing on the Development Agreement (DA) will take place after the hearing on the Master Planned Development Overlay. Project conditions and mitigation from the MPR hearing will be incorporated into the DA so the two approvals are consistent.		

SEPA Supplemental Information Provided	<ul> <li>Appendix A – Historical SEPA Information</li> <li>Appendix B – Traffic Impact Analysis</li> <li>Appendix C – Cultural Resources Study</li> <li>Appendix D – Fire Protection Plan</li> <li>Appendix E – Aquatics, Wildlife, and Botany Resources</li> <li>Appendix F – Geologic Hazards Report</li> <li>Appendix G – Hydrology Memorandum</li> <li>Appendix H – Economic Significance Report</li> </ul>	
Proposed Townhomes, Duplexes, and Condominiums	621	
Proposed Single-Family	275	
Proposed Lodge	57 rooms	
Proposed Employee Housing	80 beds	
Proposed Commercial Square Footage	110,000	
Proposed Timeline for Permitting and Project Buildout	20 years – five phases	
Proposed length of Development Agreement	25 years	

### C. Connection to the Existing Mission Ridge Ski and Board Resort

The existing Mission Ridge Ski and Board Resort has been a part of the Wenatchee Valley Community for over 50 years. However, site limitations have impeded the ability to provide a full range of services to meet the needs of our customers. This includes limitations on access for beginning skiers, Nordic skiing, overnight accommodations, and non-ski activities to engage the whole family.

The proposed Mission Ridge Expansion Master Planned Resort (MPR) is designed to provide those additional recreational, commercial, and residential opportunities and services that will vastly improve the Mission Ridge experience, while still staying connected to the existing resort.

The proposed Mission Ridge Expansion (MPR) will connect to the existing resort via a new road that will take guests from the current parking area to the Mission Ridge Expansion Village Base area. This will give guests the ability to park, ski, and enjoy time at the existing Mission Ridge Ski and Board Resort lodge or spend time at the new Mission Ridge Expansion Village, where they can enjoy breakfast and shopping before a day on the slopes.

What ties this all together is the ability to ski from one location to another. New ski runs will connect to the existing facilities and will allow our guests a ski in/ski out experience with the ability to enjoy a day or whole weekend at Mission. Connecting all that Mission has provided for over 50 years, while adding in the excitement of recreational, commercial, and residential uses, will enhance the experience.

### D. Bulk Standards / Development Requirements and Permitted Uses

The bulk standard requirements and allowed uses for property are typically outlined within the zoning code. As an example, the overall Mission Ridge Expansion property is currently located within the RR-20 and FC zones. The portion of the site within the FC zone will be dedicated as permanent open space, and all development activity will occur within the RR-20 zone. Therefore, the application for a Master Planned Resort Overlay is being made only for the 502 acres zoned RR-20. The RR-20 zone has allowed uses and requirements for building setbacks, building heights, and other standards. However, a Master Planned Resort is governed under the bulk standard requirements and uses allowed as part of the project approval by the Hearing Examiner. CCC 11.89.030 outlines some of the uses that may be allowed in an MPR; specific uses and standards, however, are to be approved by the Hearing Examiner as part of project conditions. The bulk standard requirements and uses approved by the Hearing Examiner are then rolled into the Development Agreement along with other items specific to the Development Agreement.

### **Bulk Standard Requirements Table**

	Single Family detached	Duplex, Townhomes, and Condominiums	Commercial	Other (such as ski lift poles)
Building Height (from average grade)	30 feet	40 feet	45 feet	80 feet
Minimum lot size	4,000 square feet	None	None	N/A
Minimum lot width	40 feet	None	None	N/A
Maximum lot coverage	80%	80%	80%	N/A
Minimum setbacks (side)	5 feet	5 feet (except for zero lots line approvals)	None	N/A
Minimum setbacks (front)	15 feet	15 feet (except for zero lots line approvals)	None	N/A
Minimum setbacks (rear)	10 feet	10 feet (except for zero lots line approvals)	None	N/A
Other bulk standard requirements		20 bulk standards sh		I development agreements approval, to the modification process outlined t agreement.

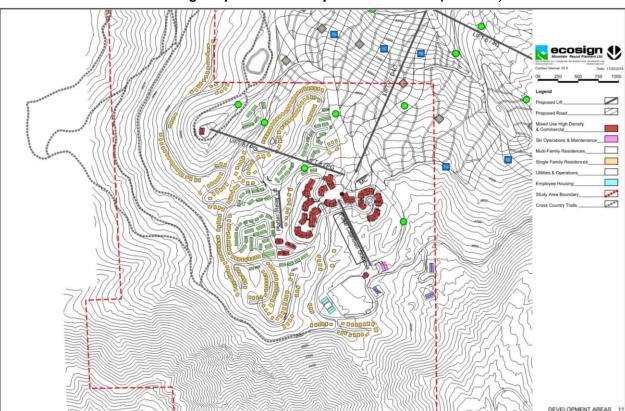
The following table outlines proposed permitted uses for the Mission Ridge Expansion MPR. They are classified as residential, commercial, and recreational, and other uses in order to align with the project property. These uses should be considered as permitted uses as defined by county code and be allowed in additional to all uses permitting and conditionally permitted in the underlying RR-20 zone. The uses in the table have been taken from those listed in CCC 11.89.030 and the District Use Chart in CCC 11.04 in order to ensure consistent terminology with the existing code

### **Permitted Uses**

Commercial	Residential	Recreational (Also See Commercial Uses)	Government Services and Other Similar Facilities Including Without Limitation	Other
Lodges	single-family dwellings	alpine and/or cross- country skiing	transportation-related facilities	clustered subdivision
Hotels	duplexes	trails	emergency/medical facilities	agricultural uses
Bed and Breakfasts	townhouses	sporting events	Schools (public or private)	forestry uses
Guest Inns	other multifamily or residential dwellings	ball fields	fire protection	machine shop
Time-Share Units	accessory use/structure	tennis or racquetball courts	law enforcement/security	rock crusher, temp use
Rental Cabins	fences		waste disposal and utilities (including substations)	parking garage
Other Similar Transient Lodging Facilities	detached garages			parking lots
Lodging Facilities				swimming pools
Convention and Conference Facilities	residential dwelling units, above ground floor			church
Commercial Amusement/Recreational Facilities				
Accessory Support Facilities				
Restaurants				
Drinking Establishments				
Barber/Beauty Shops				
Specialty shops				
Grocery Stores				

Real Estate Services		
Other Professional Services/Offices		
Gas Station		
Pet Services		
Other Such Retail Uses and Services that Provide for the Needs of the Residents and Visitors		
Theaters		
Amphitheaters		
Galleries		
Arts and Crafts Centers		
Interpretive Centers		
Recreation/Tourist Uses		
Signs		
Home-Based Business		
Home Occupation		
Private Greenhouse		
Winery, Equal to or Less Than 1,500 sq. ft. of Retail Space		
Winery, greater than 1,500 sq. ft. of retail space		
Daycare Center/ Preschool		
Places of Public and Private Assembly		

### E. Resort Concept and Vision



### Mission Ridge Expansion Development Areas Plan (Sheet 11)

The proposed Mission Ridge Expansion Master Planned Resort area aims for a unique combination of Alpine Inspiration and fresh Northwest ambition for guests and residents alike. Composed of tiers of zones informed by the unique topography of the area, the proposed MPR (Master Planned Resort) consists of mixed use residential/commercial areas, townhome/multi-family areas and single-family plots radiating up the landscape commingling with recreational opportunities and the natural landscape of basalt scree, pines and firs.

### Day Use Parking and Employee Accommodation

A new day use parking and staging area is situated on the lower terrace of land in the new expansion area and guests can access this new parking area via a new access road beginning at the existing base area. Guests can park their car and have a comfortable walk to the bottom station of the pulse gondola, which will take guests up to the new village center and main skier staging area. Employee housing is also planned on the east side of the new day use parking lot and is also conveniently located within walking distance to the pulse gondola lift for easy access to work on the mountain.



Typical Gravel Surface Day Use Visitor Parking Lot

### ii. Village Base Area (Mixed-Use High Density)

The main access road continues to wind up behind the new day use parking lot, where it finally arrives at the new resort commercial center on the terrace above.

The resort village core is characterized by a mixed-use development that includes overnight accommodation, skier services, commercial space and pedestrian areas, all of which interact closely with the ski area facilities and snow front. The scale of development within the village core is intended to resemble a traditional mountain village with human-scale buildings and an architectural style suitable for the mountains. Buildings will have an average of 3.5 to 4 floors, which allows for variation in the roofline and stepping down of the building height around pedestrian plazas and public space. The ground level of the village buildings is generally reserved for lobbies, commercial space such as retail, restaurants and office space, as well as guest services and other guest amenities. Guest rooms and overnight accommodation are located mainly on the upper 2.5 to 3 floors above the commercial space or in some cases along the drop-off or back side of the buildings on the lower pedestrian street level.

The village core has been designed so that car and vehicle access is separated from pedestrian areas and activity zones, which allows for the development of a commercial pedestrian street, pedestrian plazas, outdoor patios with views of the mountain surroundings and a lively snow front at the base area. Vehicular circulation will be segregated as much as possible from pedestrian zones by having one level of underground parking located below the footprint of all village buildings. Some short-term parking should be provided within the village center, which allows for drop-off and pickup from the accommodation, as well as support for the commercial shops and restaurants.



Mixed Use Pedestrian Village and Snowfront Area Sun Peaks Resort, BC, Canada

### iii. Medium Density Multi-Family Development

As one continues up the hill and slightly further away from the village core, the density of the development is reduced to a medium density development such as condos, townhouses and stacked townhouse developments. The developments are generally located within comfortable walking distance to a staging ski lift, relay lift or to a ski trail or skiway that provides ski-in ski-out access to the real estate.

Townhouses can be developed in groups of two or more units (duplexes, fourplexes, sixplexes etc.), with each unit having a dedicated external access. Townhouses can also be stacked so that the unit below is accessed from the ground level and a unit above is accessed from stairs to an upper level. These units can have garage parking, carports, surface parking or underground parking. Townhouses have a higher density than single-family residences and typically sleep 5-8 people.



Typical 2-3 Level Stacked Townhouses with Underground Parking Panorama Mountain Resort, BC, Canada



Ski-In Ski-Out Townhouses with Underground Parking Whistler Blackcomb Ski Resort, BC, Canada

### iv. Low Density Single-Family Residences (Small and Large Lots)

As the road continues up the mountain to the South, the density lessens even more towards traditional single-family residential lots. These are not estate lots, but are more neighborhood sized, encouraging efficient use of the land and presenting owners the opportunity for real property ownership and unique architectural inquiries.

A central skiway is designed through the center of the real estate development and provides ski-in ski-out access to many of the single-family and multi-family developments.

The single-family homes are fully detached units with a private driveway, carport or garage. In resort base areas, these units are typically designed for larger groups and families and are usually designed to sleep 7-10 people. Chalets have the lowest density development and have been located in areas that are somewhat outside of the main village core and with slightly steeper slope gradients in order to reserve high density development closest to the main resort facilities and to allow for privacy for the chalets.



Typical Single-Family Home – Panorama Mountain Resort, BC, Canada

### v. Architectural Inspiration

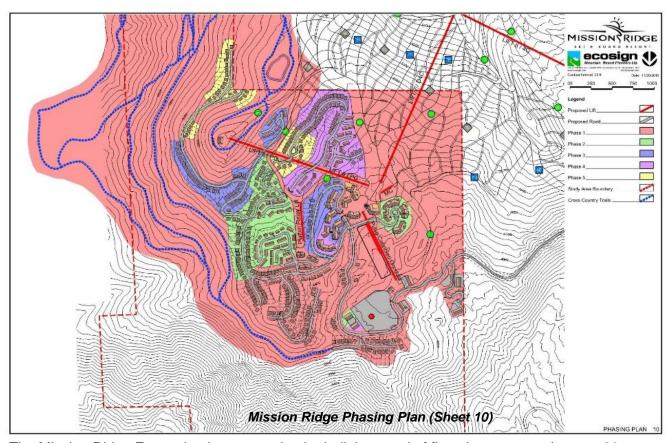
The site is a topographical puzzle, which allows for a great assembly of experiences and relationships with the built environment. One inspiration in development strategies has come from areas such as Baqueira Beret in the heart of the Pyrenees of Spain. This area's winding roads, and similar topography to Mission Ridge has shown a unique strategy to tiered resort development where flat land is limited. Similarly, the area of Sun Peaks Resorts outside of Kamloops, B.C. is an excellent example of townhome and higher density developments

adjacent to a great area of skiing and year-round recreation coupled with great family activities.

The architecture of the northwest is also an inspiration yet to be illustrated. The use of concrete, timbers, steel, woods, regional materials, basalts, and the palette of the natural environment are all a part of the scope of imagery and the basis of design efforts. To mitigate volumes and excess height/unnecessary volumes of structure, lower pitched roofs, referencing traditional alpine designs will be used in order to maintain snow volumes on roofs, and to mitigate solar exposures while not compromising views. Base area experiences will be in the form of open spaces proportional in scale activated by its adjacency to recreational activities.

Ultimately, the architectural experience of the project will be contingent on a design strategy engaging the natural environment, unique takes on architectural form, to pursue something new, and fresh engaging modernist design aesthetic rooted in a deep NW palette in an attempt at being its own identity.

### F. Phasing Plan



The Mission Ridge Expansion is proposed to be built in a total of five phases spread over a 20-year timeframe. Specifics related to the individual phases can be found in Plan Sheet 10 in Section 2.0. At the current time, phases 1 through 4 are anticipated to add a mixture of condominiums, townhomes, duplexes, and single-family residences. Forty employee beds are identified in Phase 2, and the remaining 40 beds in Phase 4. Commercial additions are anticipated as part of phases 1 through 4. The 57-room lodge is planned for Phase 2, while Phase 5 consists of the remaining single-family residences.

While the phases are proposed to be built over the 20-year timeframe, ultimately, economic and market conditions will ultimately drive the actual buildout timeframe. Another complicating factor to any construction at these elevations within the Cascades is the limited window for construction each year due to winter conditions.

The following are the estimated timelines associated with the proposed Mission Ridge Expansion phases:

- 2018-2020 Permitting for Master Planned Resort Overlay and Development Agreement approval.
- ➤ 2020-2025 Phase 1 permitting and construction
- 2026-2028 Phase 2 permitting and construction
- 2029-2032 Phase 3 permitting and construction

- 2033-2038 Phase 4 permitting and construction
- ➤ 2038-2040 Phase 5 permitting and construction

### G. Open Space

CCC 11.89.050(2) requires that at least 40% of the total acreage of the Master Planned Resort be dedicated to a mixture of permanent open space, natural areas, and/or developed open space, excluding streets and parking areas. 11.89.060 outlines the various ways that open space can be preserved as part of the total development.

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### Mission Ridge Open Space Plan (Sheet 13)

The project design includes open space areas adjacent and intermingled within the site plan. The Mission Ridge Expansion Planned Open Space Map and associated information can be found on Sheet 13 of the Site Plan set in Section 2.0 of this application. The proposed open space covers a total of 352.5 acres and consists of a mix of classifications, including: ski runs (37.2 ac), undesignated open space (56.1 ac), natural open space (251.2 ac), and managed open space (8 ac). Open space lands shall be preserved and managed to buffer native environments from intensive development or activities; to retain native plant communities; and, for developed areas, to provide an aesthetically pleasing landscape, provide habitat connections, and minimize risk of fire (Chelan County Code Chapter 11.89.060).

The 37.2 acres associated with the ski runs will require maintenance for winter skiing. Maintenance may include removal of trees and some shrubs. Ski runs create openings in the forest that can function as foraging habitat for several species, including elk and deer, and can act as fuel breaks within the contiguous canopy.

Undesignated open space connects the natural open space to the ski runs and provides a buffer between the developed space and the natural open space.

The area within the natural open space designation is adjacent to the proposed development site to the north, east and south. This is the largest open space designation and consists of a variety of habitat types and terrain. Natural open space will be retained predominantly for its wildlife habitat and recreational opportunities compatible with wildlife objectives. The natural open space will not be actively managed or maintained other than mitigation of potential fire risk.

Managed open space would be interspersed among the residential and business development and includes maintained landscaped areas. This open space will likely provide habitat for those species with a high tolerance for human activity and will provide a park-like setting within the development area itself.

### H. Cultural Resources

In order to proactively identify and assess any potential impacts of the proposal on the cultural resources, Reiss-Landreau Research conducted an intensive forest-type intensive survey for the approximately 245-acre disturbance area associated with the Mission Ridge Ski Resort Expansion in Chelan County, Washington. This project was initiated to ensure that historic preservation goals associated with the Mission Ridge Ski and Board Resort are met. A copy of the Cultural Resources Report prepared on September 18, 2017 and a statement on site plan revisions dated December 18, 2019 are included in Appendix C.

The property is generally characterized as being an upland foothill forested space. The proposed project includes an expansion on existing facilities to also include a mixed-use resort village and expanded alpine ski areas. In addition to the assessment on the area where the proposed village is located, the report and study also covered the impacted areas from planned chairlifts in T21N R19E section 24. An access road sundeck and chair 5 are covered in four separate reports, which include all available historical, cultural and previous work completed in the area. The report includes historic mapping and geological details of the resort area itself through the view of the statewide model. A pedestrian survey was also conducted on September 6, 2017.

Additionally, Reiss-Landreau Research conducted a landform-based survey where field technicians walked the proposed routes along the proposed Area of Potential Effect (APE) utilizing a 20-meter or run of terrain transect method. Much of the area was very steep, and survey was difficult. In certain places, surveyors followed available steep deer track routes and the existing trails. Shovel testing in this low probability area was not called for and technically quite challenging. During inspection, RLR did not identify any historic or precontact cultural features or materials. Some modern debris was noted.

Reiss-Landreau Research recommends that a finding of no historic properties affected be applied to this project and that the Expansion Project proceed. No monitoring appears to be necessary in this instance. Should any cultural resources be identified or found during any future development activity, activity in the immediate area will stop immediately until a professional archeologist can assess the

discovery. If the inadvertent discovery is archeological material, the project proponent and the Washington State Department of Archeology and Historic Preservation will be contacted and work in that area will stop. An archeologist will evaluate the site following the Guidelines for the Discovery of Human Remains. If parties agree that artifacts are not significant, construction may resume. If, however, parties agree that the artifacts are significant, the Washington State DAHP will issue a stop work order until further notice for all construction work in the area defined as a significant site.

### I. Infrastructure

### i. Water Supply

Subject to change authorization to existing rights, ground water may be used to supply domestic quantities for the project. Total domestic use for the completed project is estimated at 90af supplied at a rate of 60gpm. Several potential drilling targets have been identified in Sec. 19 using EMS/VLF technologies (see Appendix G). These aquifer targets are located within deep saturated bedrock fractures that are inferred to be in hydraulic continuity with the surface water within the Squilchuck Creek drainage where the existing water rights are located.

If approved, a storage reservoir(s) and snow making may be used to recharge and enhance the ground water aquifer such that sufficient quantities are available for withdrawal from wells to be developed in Sec. 19. The Applicant has retained the services of a licensed hydrogeologist to evaluate the site's suitability for ground water withdrawal and to identify tentative well locations. The final quantity of water needed for domestic use is not known at this time and will be determined in consultation with the Department of Health.

Alternatively, pursuant to change authorization approval for existing water rights, ground water withdrawn from a new well developed adjacent to and in continuity with flows from Squilchuck Creek may be used to supply water for domestic use.

Public water is also available to the site, should it be deemed necessary.

### ii. Wastewater

Wastewater produced at the resort will be normal municipal wastewater that is produced by homes, restaurants, and commercial retail businesses with restaurants. There are no plans for industries in the resort village. By compliance with minimum land requirements, design wastewater loading rates, system O&M, setbacks from wells and surface waters, all of which are required for permitting on-site wastewater systems; the groundwater and surface water will be protected.

Disposal of wastewater from LOSS systems is permitted through WADOH and requires a hydrogeological analysis to protect groundwater. The permit for the LOSS will require protection of groundwater from contamination.

The decentralized nature of on-site systems results in the scattering of wastewater drain fields around the entire property. This reduces the chances of a large spill in any one area.

Design for treatment and disposal of stormwater from pollutant generating impervious surfaces, e.g. parking lots, fueling area, etc., will comply with the Eastern Washington Stormwater Management Manual and will permitted by the Chelan County Public Works

Department. These guidelines and County review will help assure protection of groundwater from nutrients, metals, or oil pollution that are transported by stormwater runoff and infiltration.

### iii. Power

Electric power will be provided by Chelan County PUD. Any required substation or improvements will be provided onsite. Propane and solar power will also be utilized as part of the project.

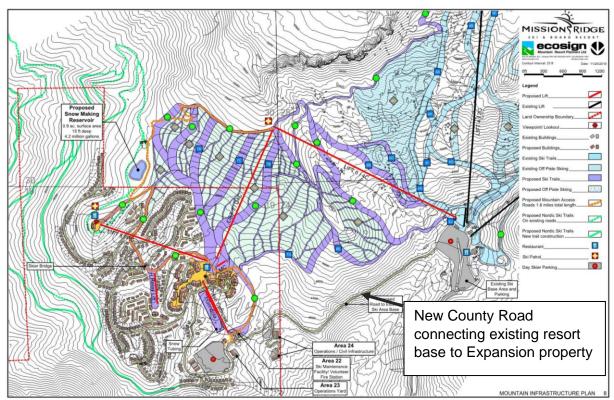
### iv. Stormwater

Stormwater runoff will be generated by the proposed impervious surfaces (roads, roofs, paved parking, etc.) and disturbed / compacted pervious surfaces. Runoff flows and volumes are unknown at this time, but it is anticipated that the project will utilize onsite infiltration and dispersion to achieve water quality and flow control standards, in accordance with Chelan County requirements. The county will review each project phase for stormwater compliance as part of implementing project applications, such as subdivision application that will be submitted after Master Planned Resort approval. Infiltration facilities will direct runoff into the native, onsite soils and dispersion facilities will direct runoff towards vegetated areas. If allowable and necessary, any flows that are directed towards other waters will be treated and detained to prevent downstream impacts.

The proposed site improvements (impervious and disturbed surfaces) will increase stormwater runoff flows and volumes. However, any changes to drainage patterns will be reviewed by required agencies as part of future development activity applications. Existing drainage patterns (flow routes) through the immediate site will be affected as site improvements, including grading, take place that will alter the existing topography on portions of the project site. All changes to drainage patterns will be reviewed and permitted as the project site is built out.

### v. Circulation

Internal traffic circulation has two primary components. First, a new County Road is proposed to connect from Squilchuck Road to the Mission Ridge Expansion property as part of Phase 1 construction (see below). The new road will connect at the existing resort. This connection is



being proposed through Forest Service property and a right-of-way dedication or an access easement is being requested from the Forest Service and is being evaluated as part of NEPA. Internal roads throughout the site will be primarily private roads, built to county private road standards. All roads will be built to meet road standard requirements and to provide emergency vehicle turnarounds and access. Where a road is proposed to temporarily end at between phased areas, temporary turnarounds will be provided.

### J. Public Safety

This project would require some services, consistent with the existing Mission Ridge Ski and Board Resort. This would mostly focus on fire, police, and general medical. As construction of the resort takes place over the next 20 years, we will continue to coordinate with the County Sheriff, Chelan County Fire District #1 (CCFD1), and other service providers to ensure the adequacy of services provided. A separate fire protection plan is provided in Appendix D, and we have been coordinating with the Fire Marshal and Fire District on this project to ensure this project is designed properly and compliant. As part of the project, the project area will be annexed into the CCFD1, and a proposed location for a fire station is shown on plan sheet 8: Mountain Infrastructure Plan in the site plan set.

### K. Fire Protection Plan

As part of the Mission Ridge Expansion project, we have been proactively working with the Chelan County Fire District #1 (CCFD1) and Chelan Country Fire Marshal and have completed a fire protection plan for the project, which is included as Appendix D. This submittal also includes a memorandum from AEGIS Engineering dated December 17, 2019 explaining revisions to the report as a result of the new site plan and site design. We recognize that the project is being proposed within the State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) wildland-urban-interface and that in addition to prescribed fire code requirements, many of the applicable recommendations outlined within the Chelan County Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) can be incorporated into our development.

The development area of the Mission Ridge Expansion represents a wildland-urban interface condition that the State of Washington anticipates and that already exists in Chelan County and Squilchuck Valley. By incorporating prescriptive fire safety measures of the IWUIC, as presented by the State Building Code Council with Appendix N of the IFC, and endorsed by the Forest Ridge Wildfire Coalition and Squilchuck Valley Area Community Wildfire Protection Plan Steering Committee, and intended for reference by CCC Section 15.40.050(3)(A), together with the additional safety features described in the Fire Protection Plan, the Mission Ridge Expansion project compliments the area without significant effects on natural and environmental features with regard to fire.

The Fire Protection Plan attached in Appendix D presents a framework of fire safety elements to be incorporated with the Mission Ridge Expansion Master Planned Resort, including the following nonrequired additional safeguards enhancing the level of safety:

- All structures to be of ignition-resistant construction
- Monitored fire alarm system in each individual dwelling unit
- Portable fire extinguisher or fire sprinklers in each individual dwelling unit
- Establish defensible space with FireWise practices around structures
- Exterior flame detection for early warning of wildfire or fire during construction
- Store equipment and supplies for wildfire suppression or long-term retardant
- Key box with every building for access to each unit
- Emergency guide in each unit for reference by occupants
- Evacuation plan with community warning siren
- Install wildfire evacuation signs on internal road network

The project Fire Protection Plan addresses fire flow, fire breaks, defensible space, fire apparatus roads, and education and outreach. This is consistent with our current approach at the existing Mission Ridge Ski and Board Resort. It also reflects ongoing discussions with the CCFD1 regarding timing of annexation of the expansion site into the District. The revised site plans show a potential fire station onsite that could be staffed by a volunteer fire fighting team to complement coverage provided by the District. Our goal is to integrate strategies to address the need for fire safety, while also meeting requirements to preserve open space areas, as required by code. With 70% of the site remaining in open space, we will link the strategies outlined in our plan, in coordination with service providers, to ensure that each phase of the Mission Ridge Expansion project meets Chelan County and CCFD1 requirements.

### L. Transportation

As part of the project's analysis, a Transportation Impact Analysis was conducted, the results of which are included within Appendix B. This analysis has been updated as of December 10, 2019 with the revised site plan and site design, and a summary memo of updates is included with this submittal. The Mission Ridge development is located northeast of the existing Mission Ridge Ski Resort. The development is proposed to ultimately consist of the following residential and commercial land uses:

- 275 single-family detached units
- 621 multifamily units
- 80 units employee housing
- 57-room resort lodge
- 4 ski lifts (2 surface lifts not included in TIA calculations)
- 110,000 square feet of commercial/shopping center

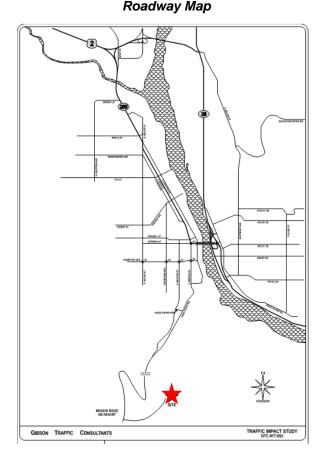
The analysis assumes that all of the residential units (except the employee housing) will be full-time units, and therefore a reduction for recreational use of the residential units has not been applied.

The development is proposed to have access via the existing Mission Ridge Ski Resort parking lot. The development is anticipated to be built in several phases and it is anticipated that approximately 65 percent of the development will be constructed by 2028 with full build-out of the development estimated by approximately 2040.

The Mission Ridge development has been analyzed to generate 9,468 average daily trips with 833 new PM peak-hour trips. The distribution of development trips is based on scoping discussions with the City of Wenatchee and Chelan County.

The intersections that were analyzed as part of this report include:

- 1. S. Mission Street at Stevens Street
- 2. S. Mission Street at Crawford Avenue
- 3. Methow Street at Crawford Avenue
- 4. Okanogan Avenue at Crawford Avenue
- 5. S. Miller Street at Crawford Avenue
- 6. Squilchuck Road at Methow Street
- 7. Squilchuck Road at Wenatchee Heights Road



These intersections were identified during scoping discussions with Chelan County, City of Wenatchee, and WSDOT staff and comments from the public and Chelan County staff. The 2025 and 2028 level of service analysis identifies three intersections that could require mitigation for development trips, Methow Street at Crawford Avenue, Okanogan Avenue at Crawford Avenue and

S. Miller Street at Crawford Avenue. Full build-out and occupancy of the Mission Ridge development is expected to occur in 2040. Typical traffic analysis forecasts usually do not extend this far and the results of the 22-year forecast should be considered preliminary. It is recommended that the trip generation and traffic impacts be re-evaluated at a future date after Phase II (approximately 65% occupancy). The viability of Squilchuck Road to remain a two-lane roadway was evaluated to 2040 with development conditions. Squilchuck Road is adequate for the 2040 future with development scenario and no improvements to the roadway (i.e. additional lanes) should be required.

Collision data for the study intersections and the primary route for vehicles to/from the development site was requested. The collision data showed the collision frequency or collision rate could be considered acceptable for all study intersections. Potential improvements to the intersection of S. Mission Street at Crawford Avenue were identified that may reduce the number of future collisions. The route to/from the development site to the City of Wenatchee experiences a lower collision rate per million vehicle miles than an average Chelan County roadway.

Chelan County does not have a standard traffic mitigation fee identified for new developments. Therefore, the mitigation required by the Mission Ridge development should only be that identified so study intersections operate at an acceptable level of service.

### M. Economic Development

As part of project analysis, RRC Associates completed an analysis of economic significance, included as Appendix H of this submittal and updated in December 2019 with the revised site plan, design, and phasing. According to the updated economic impact analysis, Mission Ridge Ski & Board Resort's proposed expansion is projected to more than double the total economic output in the Wenatchee/Chelan County region over a ten-year time span, from \$13.4 million today to \$33.5 million in Year 10 (up from \$29.5 million in Year 10 from the previous site design). 669 FTE jobs and \$11.7 million in personal income is estimated to be generated for the region through visitor expenditures by Year 10. The most growth is expected to be seen in the first five years of the expansion as the resort transitions from a day-use area to overnight accommodations.

The proposed expansion is expected to go beyond the ten-year period projected in this analysis; however, estimations beyond this mark are difficult due to a lack of data.

The table below represents a summary of key economic activity indicators attributable to visitor expenditures (winter and summer) at Mission Ridge Ski & Board Resort in 2016/17 and through ten years of the proposed expansion. For more information on each subject, please see individual sections of the full report for more details.

Category	2016/17	Year 1	Year 5	Year 10
Total Direct Ski Area Visitor Expenditures	\$11,581,810	\$14,787,844	\$23,446,178	\$28,841,952
Total Winter/Summer output (Direct and Secondary)	\$13,291,790	\$17,153,899	\$27,197,566	\$33,456,664
Total FTE Jobs Attributable to Visitor Expenditures	266	343	544	669
Personal Income Attributable to Visitor Expenditures	\$4,652,126	\$6,003,865	\$9,519,148	\$11,709,832

### N. SEPA/NEPA

Pursuant to CCC 13.04, the Mission Ridge Expansion project requires a SEPA threshold determination. Section 5.0 contains a revised SEPA checklist for the Mission Ridge Expansion project. In addition to the checklist, we have provided several reports within the appendix section of the application in order to provide supplementary information and provide additional analysis. An overview of those reports is provided in this section of the narrative. We have included:

- ➤ Appendix A − Historical SEPA Information
- ➤ Appendix B Traffic Impact Analysis
- ➤ Appendix C Cultural Resources Study
- ➤ Appendix D Fire Plan/Mitigation Plan
- ➤ Appendix E Aquatics, Wildlife and Botany Resources Report
- ➤ Appendix F Geologic Hazards Report
- Appendix G Hydrology Memorandum
- ➤ Appendix H Economic Significance Report

The complete project proposal includes actions on US Forest Service land and includes: building a new access road from the existing Mission Ridge base area to the private parcel in Section 19, amending the Mission Ridge US Forest Service special use permit, constructing new alpine ski lifts and ski runs on Forest Service and DFW lands as well as expanding ski area operations and a community development on private land. Site Plan sheet 3: Cadastral Plan and sheet 8: Mountain Infrastructure Plan provide an overview of the relationship between the proposed MPR and improvements proposed on USFS and DFW land. Mission Ridge is simultaneously working with the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest (OWNF) to prep an environmental assessment (EA). The purpose of the EA is to analyze the proposal to expand Mission Ridge operations on Federal Land as guided by Wenatchee National Forest Management Plan direction. The EA will be prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, regulations of the Council on Environmental Quality (40 CFR §1508.9).

Additionally, there has been a significant amount of prior environmental assessment within close proximity of the proposed expansion area. The most significant of these efforts is the Final Environmental Impact Statement prepared as part of the Mission Ridge / Constellation Ridge Resort, which is included in Appendix A. While some of the information originally assessed as part of that Final Environmental Impact Statement may not be relevant due to various statutory and wildlife changes, the previous assessment does provide useful information related to what observations were found during the numerous studies required as part of that FEIS. Additionally, mitigation efforts related to any identified impacts have been incorporated into this project's SEPA Checklist, as applicable and appropriate.

### NEPA

As discussed above, a simultaneous NEPA process has also been started with the United States Forest Service related to the requested action on Federal land. The NEPA process is specifically related to expanding the existing Special Permit Area to include the additional ski infrastructure as well as the new road that will provide primary access to the expansion area. The team will be concurrently handling the NEPA review and approval process with other elements of this application.

### O. Critical Areas

### i. Wetlands

The National Wetlands Inventory Map and Chelan County Wetland Inventory Map indicate Wheeler Reservoir and several streams within or in the vicinity of the proposed conceptual expansion area. Wheeler Reservoir is located adjacent to the southeast corner of the site.

In summer of 2017, Chelan County completed a stream type request for Applicant (dated 17 August 2017 – see Stream Type Report within the Aquatics, Wildlife, and Botany Resources Report in Appendix E). The stream type request was part of an effort to understand natural resource existing conditions and potential permitting requirements prior to submitting designs and permit applications to Chelan County. According to the Washington Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Forest Practices Application Review System (FPARS) mapping

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tool, many stream segments are present within the conceptual expansion area. The streams located in the proposed conceptual expansion area are all listed as "N" streams, or non-fish bearing (with the exception of one "U", or unknown stream). Each stream within the proposed conceptual expansion area was typed and recorded.

The stream typing effort indicated there are two perennial, non-fish-bearing streams in the southwest part of the private parcel. The remaining streams were incorrectly mapped and removed from subsequent analysis.

A perennial fish-bearing stream, Squilchuck Creek, runs through US Forest Service land to the west of the private parcel. Squilchuck Creek runs through culverts under the existing Mission Ridge Ski Area parking lot and will not be impacted by new developments.

In early fall of 2017, a wetland inventory and delineation was completed (dated 17 September 2017 – see Aquatics, Wildlife, and Botany Resources Report in Appendix E). The authors also produced an addendum, dated January 6, 2020. This document identifies no changes to the conclusions of the original report, although it offers more detail on wildlife habitat based on data from the NEPA Environmental Assessment process.

Two small Category 3 emergent wetlands were identified and delineated on the northeast corner of the proposed conceptual expansion area. Category 3 wetlands are wetlands with a moderate level of functions and can often be adequately replaced with a well-planned mitigation project. Please note that the wetlands and riparian areas are shown on the Streams, Wetlands, and Riparian Areas Plan (sheet A-2b in the revised site plan set, Section 2.0 of this application package).

No construction will occur within 200 feet of Wheeler Reservoir or Squilchuck Creek.

Construction may occur within 200 feet of identified streams or wetlands. This work may include road crossings and ski runs across streams, or infrastructure development in the wetland area.

Per Chelan County Code (11.80.070) the Applicant is coordinating with Chelan County, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) and Washington Department of Ecology (DOE) (11.80.110) to develop appropriate Mitigation Plans to mitigate impacts to wetland habitats and species. (See Supplemental Resource Report in Appendix E for additional detail).

### ii. Geologically Hazardous Areas

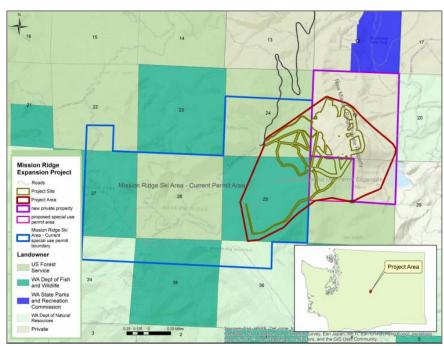
Based on published geologic maps, the site and surrounding vicinity consists of almost entirely of mass-wasting deposits resulting from significant landslide events. Geomorphic features noted at the project site during our preliminary research and confirmed during field reconnaissance are consistent with large scale slump-block landslides. The classic characteristics of landslides can be readily seen, including clearly identifiable head scarps, rotated slump blocks, and hummocky topography of the slide mass. It is believed that the landslide events occurred under notably different geologic and climactic conditions during the end of the Pleistocene Epoch. The noted slump-block failures and surrounding mass wasting deposits from older landslide events appear to be relatively stable under the modern day geologic and climate conditions.

A full report has been completed as is found in Appendix F. We have also included a geotechnical memorandum dated December 19, 2019 along with a Site Features and Geologic Constraints map in response to comments received from Chelan County as part of the previous submittal of this project. Additional site-specific exploration and analyses will be performed as part of the development phases of this project and will comply with the requirements of CCC 11.86.

### P. Wildlife

The Aquatics, Wildlife, and **Botany Resources Report** (Appendix E) provides a synthesis of information and data collected relative to the conceptual expansion area regarding fish, wildlife and plant species and habitat as compiled by the Washington Conservation Science Institute in March 2018. It is intended to serve as a Supplemental Assessment to the State **Environmental Policy Act** (SEPA) Checklist developed for the proposed Project. The purpose of the Supplemental Assessment is to discuss potential effects of the proposed Project on species and critical

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habitats that are protected under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) of 1973 (as amended) or Washington state law or receive special consideration under federal and state regulations. The Supplemental Assessment is intended to provide state and county regulatory agencies with information to assess potential impacts to fish, wildlife and plant resources in order to comply with SEPA.

The authors also produced an addendum, dated January 6, 2020. This document identified no changes to the conclusions of the original report, although it offers more detail on spotted owl and elk habitat based on data collected as part of the NEPA Environmental Assessment process. Please see the addendum in Appendix E for more details.

No federally listed species are known to be on the site. The site is within the range of Canada lynx, grizzly bear, gray wolf and Northern spotted owl, although none of these species has been observed within the site. Design and habitat modifications will be determined according to ESA and WDFW Management Guidelines for listed species.

The site is not part of a mammal migration route. The site is located within the Pacific Flyway and Bird Conservation Region 9 – Great Basin. Of the 28 species listed for the Great Basin, only the golden eagle and calliope hummingbird potentially occur in the proposed conceptual expansion area. The Applicant is working with experts to limit disturbance to elk calving, limit conflicts between wildlife and humans due to attractants such as garbage, and to retain open spaces and riparian areas. With appropriate mitigation measures Washington Conservation Science Institute does not expect any long-term impacts to population level from construction or operation activities.

### Q. Chelan County Code Requirements

The following section provides analysis on the applicable sections of Chelan County Code that pertain to Master Planned Resort review and approval. This is being completed upfront in order to demonstrate how the Mission Ridge Expansion Master Planned Resort meets county code requirements. The Development Agreement application, applied for pursuant to CCC 14.18, is addressed through the submitted Development Agreement.

### i. General Requirements (CCC 11.89.040)

Chelan County Code 11.89.040 outlines the General Requirements for a Master Planned Resort. The follow table lists each element of the code and how our project is meeting those requirements.

Code Requirement	How Project Addresses Requirement
(1) The primary focus of the master planned resort shall be as a destination resort facility with a range of on-site indoor and/or outdoor recreation facilities.	The Mission Ridge Expansion Master Planned Resort, as outlined and described in this application, is designed as a destination resort facility with a full range of year-round outdoor recreational uses.
(2) Master planned resorts shall not be located on land that is inside of or adjacent to a designated urban growth area boundary.	The Mission Ridge Expansion Master Planned Resort is not being proposed adjacent to an Urban Growth Area. The nearest city is the City of Wenatchee, which is located approximately 14 miles away.
(3) Master planned resorts shall not be located on lands designated as agricultural or forest lands of long-term commercial significance unless a finding is made that the land is better suited, and has more long-term importance, for the MPR than for the commercial harvesting of timber or agricultural production.	The current zoning designation for the proposed Master Planned Resort Overlay is RR-20.
(4) The tract or tracts of land included in a proposed master planned resort must be in one ownership or control or the subject of a joint application by the owners of all the property included.	The lands proposed for the Master Planned Resort designation are in one ownership.
(5) Employee Housing. The applicant shall be required to demonstrate that affordable housing is available for employees of the MPR within the project or in the surrounding area. Housing exclusively for employees is an allowed accessory use and shall not be calculated in the overall housing unit density; provided, that the hearing examiner approves the location and number of employee housing units. The applicant shall clearly correlate the number of employees with employee housing.	Although Mission Ridge is located in a rural area, it is approximately 14 miles from the cities of Wenatchee and East Wenatchee. According to U.S. Census information, there is affordable housing within Chelan County.  In 2016, the medium household income for Chelan County was \$51,845 and 11 percent of the population was below the poverty line. The average medium gross rent was \$792. Wages would vary,

depending on the type of position (and timing since this is a 20 year build out), but affordable housing is and will be available for future employees based upon information available.

On-site employee housing is a key feature of the revised site design. The site plans show 80 beds of seasonal employee housing adjacent to the day use parking area. These beds could be a mix of individual units and open-concept beds to accommodate both permanent and seasonal workers as the project and the market evolve.

The Economic significance report provided in appendix H indicates the Mission Ridge Expansion will generate approximately 669 full-time equivalent new jobs. Many of the new employees will be part time or seasonal employees who already live in the surrounding area. New housing will not be required for these employees. This would be consistent with the existing resort.

According to the 2017-2037 Chelan County Comprehensive Plan Housing Element, "The overall findings of this review conclude that Chelan County has enough existing and projected housing to meet the expected population growth." While the Housing Element identifies issues with affordable and supportive housing, a number of policies have been adopted that will provide more housing options over the next 20 years.

Mission employees may decide to reside in one of the residential units within the Master Planned Resort boundaries as well. A breakdown of anticipated residential units used for full-time housing is provided in the overall housing count for the project. Although not a requirement of the code, the project anticipates providing a variety of housing types and styles, some of which should be affordable for some employees.

Although future Mission employees will hold a wide variety of positions, housing that is affordable to employees will be available within the project or in the surrounding area.

(6) If the land or structures in an MPR are intended to be leased, sold or transferred into two or more lots, parcels, or tracts, such a division shall proceed in compliance with the provisions of the Chelan County subdivision resolution, Title 12 of this code, and Chapter 58.17 RCW. Any such preliminary plat may be considered simultaneously with the MPR final plan.

Yes, after the Master Planned Resort Overlay and Development Agreement are approved, we will be applying for a variety of permits from Chelan County, including subdivision applications. (7) The site design of the MPR shall include clustering of units, lots, and uses insofar as is consistent with the overall theme of the MPR and in accordance with Title 12 of this code, Subdivisions.

Yes, we are utilizing clustering and phasing. We have higher densities planned within the village area and are going to provide a variety of housing types. Within the single-family areas, the home sites are designed around the topography and recreational opportunities of the site with vast amounts of open space provided.

(8) All required public improvements including roads, utilities and public facilities that are part of the approved site plan and narrative shall be completed prior to issuance of a certificate of occupancy by the building official or installation guaranteed by the posting of performance bonds or other surety acceptable to the prosecuting attorney in an amount of one hundred fifty percent of the estimated cost of the outstanding improvements, except that all life/safety improvements must be installed and in operation prior to occupancy. (Res. 2007-98 (part), 7/2/07: Res. 2001-60 (part), 4/17/01).

We agree that all required public improvements or bonding shall occur before building occupancy.

This project is a phased development, and therefore some improvements that may be required for the overall project, may not be required for the issuance of a building permit in another portion of the site. That is the purpose of the phased site plan, and this is addressed in the development agreement.

We simply ask that this provision be made clear so that improvement or bonding requirements prior to occupancy are simply related to those improvements necessary for that particular building.

### ii. Development Standards (CCC 11.89.050)

Chelan County Code 11.89.050 outlines the Development Standards for a Master Planned Resort. The follow table lists each element of the code and how our project is meeting those requirements.

Code Requirement	How Project Addresses Requirement
(1) Minimum Project Size. Minimum necessary to meet all the required elements of the MPR.	The project size is approximately 502 acres and is large enough to meet all project requirements.
(2) At least forty percent of the total acreage of the master planned resort shall be dedicated to a mixture of permanent open space, natural areas, and/or developed open space, excluding streets and parking areas.	Our project exceeds this requirement. We are proposing to provide approximately 70% permanent open space, natural areas, and/or developed open space, excluding streets and parking areas.

- (3) Minimum Setback Requirements.
- (A) All buildings and structures shall have a minimum yard area and setback of the underlying zoning district from the perimeter boundary of the MPR. When the MPR is adjacent to a shoreline or other significant recreation amenity, this provision shall not apply to immediate vicinity of said shoreline or recreation amenity.
- (B) Interior required yards and setbacks shall be as established by the approved MPR plan. Required yards and setbacks established by the plan shall be reviewed for adequate light, air and life safety for all structures.
- (4) Density. The maximum overall density for the MPR, including transient accommodation, shall not exceed two housing units per gross acre of the overall master planned resort, or as determined by the hearing examiner.

(5) The maximum lot coverage, minimum setback, minimum lot area and width may be modified consistent with the MPR plan, as approved in conformance with the purpose of this chapter. The maximum building height will conform to that of the underlying zone, unless otherwise approved by the hearing examiner.

(A) CCC 11.08.020(5) provides the building setbacks distances for the RR-20 property (where the development will take place). However, as part of the Mission Ridge Expansion Master Planned Resort, we have provided proposed minimum setbacks for different elements of the project (residential, commercial, and other) in addition to other bulk standard requirements such as maximum heights, lot widths, etc..... A table defining the proposed bulk standard requirements for this project can be found in Section D of the narrative. The Bulk Standards table is also part of the Development Agreement.

The proposed Master Planned Resort will be approximately 502 acres, which would allow a maximum of 1004 total units. We are only proposing a maximum of 896 units. We meet this requirement.

For lot coverage, maximum lot coverage will be different for different types of uses. We would ask for 80% coverage for commercial and non-detached single-family sites. For single family detached homes, 80% would be preferred although in most cases, the coverage will be much lower. A higher lot coverage would allow, in some cases, smaller lots and more common open space areas, which could help in preserving the natural amenities and open space of the site.

The maximum building height for the RR-20 zone is 35 feet. However, we are asking that this be modified to allow a maximum height of 45 feet for commercial structures while 30 feet from average grade would be applied for detached residences and 40 feet for townhomes and condominiums. In the RR-20 zone, most of the uses do not require a taller building height. However, we have commercial buildings that may come close to that height given how height is calculated under CCC 14.98.325.

"Building height" means the vertical distance from the average elevation of the actual or proposed finished grade to the top of the highest roof beams on a flat or shed roof, the deck level on a mansard roof and the average distance between the eaves and the ridge level for gable, hip and gambrel roofs.

Because we have some areas with topography, 35 feet would severely limit the ability to place commercial and

	some residential buildings onsite. We hope this standard can be modified.
(6) Parking shall be provided for in accordance with Chapter 11.90 and with the circulation plan approved in the MPR plan.	Parking will be provided for each use in accordance with Chapter 11.90 and the approved MPR. A day use lot with approximately 590 spaces and two parking structures underneath the resort village base with 100 spaces altogether are shown on the site plan.
(7) Landscaping. All developed common open space within the development shall be appropriately landscaped according to the landscaping plan approved in the MPR plan. In addition, the standards contained in Chapter 15.50 of this code must be met. Landscaped areas shall have permanently installed irrigation. Natural features that are to be preserved, such as indigenous plant life, wetlands, natural rock formations and riparian areas, shall be shown on the landscaping plan.	The Master Planned Resort will be landscaped in accordance with 15.50. This will require landscaping for some of the future parking facilities and within the commercial facilities associated with the development. Where possible, we plan to leave the site as natural as possible, including the preservation of natural areas. The site plan highlights those areas to be landscaped and a more detailed landscaping plans will be prepared as part of future phasing and development.
(8) Signage shall be designed and erected in accordance with the approved MPR plan and Chapter 11.92. Off-premises signs shall be limited to those necessary for directional purposes only.	Signage shall be designed and erected in accordance with the approved MPR plan and Chapter 11.92.
(9) Commercial services provided as part of the master planned resort shall be contained within the development and shall be oriented to serve the master planned resort.	All commercial services provided as part of the master planned resort shall be contained within the development and shall be oriented to serve the master planned resort.
(10) Community sewer, water, security and fire protection may be provided on-site and sized to meet only the needs of the development. Existing public service purveyors may provide services as long as the costs related to service extensions and any capacity increases generated by the development are borne by the development and such extensions do not promote sprawl or urban level of development adjacent to the MPR. An	There will be community sewer and water systems onsite. Fire service will be coordinated with the Chelan County Fire District #1 (CCFD1). Please note that the revised site plans show a volunteer fire station in Area 22 as part of enhanced fire protection. We are proposing to annex into the CCFD1. The fire station would be built at the discretion of the fire district when it is determined there is a need.  We are proposing densities that are less than the two dwelling units per acre allowed under the Master Planned Resort regulations therefore the growth will
MPR that adjoins, or is in part within, an organized fire protection and/or hospital district shall seek annexation of the entire MPR site into said districts.	not result in urban growth.  Lastly, we do understand that services necessary to support the development will be paid for by the developer unless agreed to otherwise.

(11) The MPR design and subsequent circulation plan shall include internal bicycle, pedestrian and/or equestrian access for resort guests with convenient linkages between recreational activity areas and housing/lodging areas where appropriate.

The MPR circulation plan includes internal bicycle, pedestrian and/or equestrian access for resort guests with convenient linkages between recreational activity areas and housing/lodging areas where appropriate.

### iii. Preservation of Open Space (CCC 11.89.060)

Pursuant to 11.89.060 "All designated open space shall be preserved in perpetuity for that purpose established in this chapter. Appropriate land use restrictions shall be contained in all deeds to ensure that the open space is permanently preserved. The deed restrictions shall run with the land and be for the benefit of the present as well as future property owners and shall contain a prohibition against partition of open space for other uses. No common open space may be altered or put to a change in use in a way inconsistent with this chapter or the final development plan unless the final development plan is first amended. No change of use or alteration shall be considered as a waiver of any covenants limiting the use of the common open space, and all rights to enhance these covenants against any use permitted are expressly reserved."

As part of the project, the Mission Ridge Expansion will leave approximately 70% of the 502 acres in open space and utilize one of the methods within CCC 11.89.060(2)(A-C) to protect and preserve those areas. Open space areas may be used for low impact recreational uses as allowed by code. Actual development of project phases may be altered through the administrative modification process, but open space shall greatly exceed the 40% requirement in county code.

### iv. Complete application (CCC 11.89.070)

A complete application is determined through the application procedure requirements of 11.89.080. As outlined below, we have submitted materials meeting or exceeding Chelan County submittal requirements. Further, the attached SEPA checklist and Appendix E address the requirements of Title 13.

### v. Application Procedure (CCC 11.89.080)

This section of code outlines who may apply for a Master Planned Resort application. This application is being submitted by the landowner, and therefore this meets the code requirements. Fees in accordance with adopted county code have also been provided. A preapplication meeting was also held with the county, and subsequent meetings have taken place as required by code. Our application addresses each of the items in  $.080 \, (A) - (N)$  (see table below) and a SEPA checklist along with supplemental information has been provided.

Code Requirement	How Project Addresses the Code
Items A-G are site plan requirements	Each site plan requirement is addressed within the attached set of revised site plans in Section 2.0.
<ul> <li>(H) Capital Facilities and Utilities.</li> <li>(i) An inventory of the location and capacity of all existing utilities and capital facilities. Capital facilities and utilities shall include, but are not limited to, electricity, sanitary sewage disposal, domestic and irrigation water, stormwater runoff control, security, fire protection and other emergency services.</li> <li>(ii) An inventory of the capital facility and utility service needs that will be generated by the development of the MPR;</li> </ul>	Currently, there are no existing capital facilities or utilities on the site.  This application and the SEPA Checklist identify the need for utilities and capital facilities. For this project we will require electricity from the PUD, sanitary sewage disposal, domestic and irrigation water, stormwater runoff control, security, fire protection and other emergency services.
<ul> <li>(I) Critical Areas.</li> <li>(i) An analysis of the suitability of the proposed development on the subject property.</li> <li>(ii) Inventory and analysis of critical areas and potential impacts. Consistency with the critical areas regulations, found in this title, shall be addressed, and any required studies or mitigation measures shall be provided;</li> </ul>	Please see the SEPA checklist and the supplemental information provided within Appendix E for this information.
(J) Design Standards. (i) Type and range of uses authorized for any structure or development; (ii) Architectural and design requirements for structures; (iii) Bulk, design and dimensional standards; (iv) Draft resource management plan, which identifies how the resource lands and critical areas will be managed;	The project narrative and supplemental Appendix information for this project address how we meet each of these requirements.  Uses: Our project goal is to provide a variety of recreational, residential, and commercial uses consistent with the purpose and intent of CCC 14.18. A full use table has been provided within the project narrative and will ultimately be part of the Development Agreement.  Design: In terms of design, the use of concrete, timbers, steel, woods, regional materials, basalts, and the palette of the natural environment are all a part of the scope of imagery and the basis of design efforts. To mitigate volumes and excess height/unnecessary volumes of structure, lower pitched roofs, referencing traditional alpine designs will be used in order to maintain snow volumes on roofs, and to mitigate solar exposures while not compromising views. Base area experiences will be in the form of open spaces proportional in scale activated by its adjacency to recreational activities.  Ultimately, the architectural experience of the project will be contingent on a design strategy engaging the natural environment, unique takes on architectural form, to pursue something new, and fresh engaging

modernist design aesthetic rooted in a deep NW palette in an attempt at being its own identity. Bulk, design, and dimensional standards: A table has been provided within the project narrative that outlines the proposed bulk, design, and dimensional requirements for the project and will ultimately be part of the Development Agreement. Resource Management Plan: A full wildlife and critical areas assessment along with numerous other studies and information has been provided within Appendix E of this application. There is currently no housing on the site. (K) Housing. All proposed housing is identified in Section E of the (i) An inventory of existing housing; project narrative and SEPA checklist. Further, we have (ii) An inventory of all proposed housing, including provided numerous site plans that visually show the transient accommodation and employee housing; proposed housing for this project. This includes employee housing. Currently, there are no structures on the property or existing lands uses on the property to inventory. The site is vacant. (L) Land Use. (i) An inventory of the existing land uses and A series of site plans have been provided as part of the distribution patterns within the boundaries of the application within Section 2. The site plans compliment proposed MPR. The inventory shall include the total the project narrative and outline project uses, acreage of each type of land use. densities, phasing, and locations, along with (ii) An analysis of the ability of the proposed MPR to residential, recreational, commercial, and other uses support the total proposed growth within the MPR. that will support the project. (iii) A proposed land use map disclosing the location, type and densities of visitor accommodation, employee All the residential units proposed along with the housing, commercial, recreation and other residential commercial uses are fully designed around the needs and/or nonresidential development activity. of the end user. We have coupled our 50 years of (iv) A forecast of the proposed growth of employment experience at Mission to understand the needs of our and population of the MPR at each phased interval and customers. Affordable housing, especially for those at final buildout: working onsite, may be found onsite in the 80 beds of employee housing shown on the site plan, as well as within nearby Wenatchee and East Wenatchee. (M) Resource Lands. (i) An analysis of the suitability of proposed development in relation to the suitability of the land for long-term commercial timber, mineral or agricultural This site is not being utilized for term commercial timber productions, and this project should not interfere production. (ii) Inventory and analysis of potential impacts on with any ongoing operations in the vicinity. resource lands adjacent to or affected by the proposed MPR. The analysis shall include proposed mitigation measures for the identified impacts;

- (N) Transportation.
- (i) Traffic impact study.
- (ii) Off-site and on-site measures necessary to mitigate impacts identified by the traffic impact study.

A Traffic Impact Study was conducted for this project. Traffic mitigation is outlined within the report. This report was updated with the revised site plan information in December 2019. The updated report and memo summarizing changes is included as Appendix B.

### vi. Required Findings (CCC 11.89.090)

The following table lists each of the required findings for Master Planned Resort approval as outlined in CCC 11.89.090 and how the Mission Ridge Expansion MPR meets each of the requirements or will meet the requirements as part of the application process.

As part of this application, we have fully reviewed the Chelan County Comprehensive Plan and Goals. In review, it is clear that the Mission Ridge Expansion is in alignment with the 2017-2037 vision for the county. From policies that encourage physical activity to seeking project designs that preserve open space, the Mission Ridge Expansion fits well. Here are a few of the policies within the Plan that show consistency with the Chelan County Comprehensive Plan. It is also worthy to note that Plan policies and goals have been translated into regulations, such as those to protect critical areas or provide adequate public facility and utilities. We are not only focused on syncing well with Comprehensive Plan Goals but have also outlined how we will meet or exceed the Chelan County Code requirements for a Master Planned Resort overlay and Development Agreement. That compliance is happening as part of the MPR process and will continue through the development phases.

- (1) The proposal is consistent with the Chelan County comprehensive plan.
- Goal LU 12 Encourage development and maintenance of recreational facilities and opportunities to meet the needs of residents and visitors.
  - As the policy rationale explains, recreational opportunities help promote the area for tourism and provide for a high quality of life. The Mission Ridge Ski and Board Resort has been providing these opportunities to the Wenatchee Valley and beyond for over 50 years. This project will allow us to continue to provide enhanced opportunities to residents of the Valley and those visiting. As an example, the new ski runs will be designed to provide better opportunities for skiers of all age ranges and abilities while Nordic skiing will draw a new set of people to Mission. The new Nordic facilities are going to be provided based upon Mission patrons asking for these services to be provided.
- ➤ Goal LU 13 Provide opportunities for Master Planned Resorts, consistent with the provisions of RCW 36.70A.360, to create a diversity of recreational, tourist, and economic opportunities in Chelan County.

This policy outlines that Chelan County is encouraging Master Planned Resorts where the criteria within the Growth Management Act (GMA) are met. Chelan County has implemented those requirements within CCC 11.89. Our project is designed to meet all the requirements of Chelan County Code.

Policy LU 13.1: The primary focus of Master Planned Resorts are a fully-contained destination resorts consisting of short-term visitor accommodations associated with a range of developed in-site indoor or outdoor recreation facilities, mix of related convenience goods and services, short-term residential uses, capital facilities, utilities and services and, when feasible, an affordable housing component for employees.

This policy has been implemented within CCC 11.89 as a required element for a Master Planned Resort. As outlined in the narrative, we are providing short-term visitor accommodations associated with a range of developed in-site indoor or outdoor recreation facilities, mix of related convenience goods and services, short-term residential uses, capital facilities, utilities and services. Further, our application demonstrates that affordable housing is available for those who will work on-site, including in 80 beds of employee housing provided on-site.

Policy LU 13.3: Ensure the compatibility of MPRs with adjacent land uses through appropriate site design which emphasizes physical and visual separation from the nearest existing developed area, preservation and protection of critical areas, and cluster development surrounded by open space.

This policy has been implemented within CCC 11.89 as a required element for a Master Planned Resort. As outlined in the narrative, our project is designed around the topography of the site and provides for vast amounts of open space and commercial and residential uses that are clustered, especially within the village. Appendices E and F, along with the SEPA Checklist, outline our approach to compliance with Chelan County Critical Area regulations. Lastly, the site plan demonstrates the separation we are providing from private property. The existing resort has been a good neighbor for over 50 years, and the Expansion is an extension of the Mission value to be a strong member of the Wenatchee Valley community.

Policy LU 13.4: Development plans for MPRs should blend site development and architecture with the natural character and features of the land, topography, vegetation, geology, slops, soils etc. The MPR design should also reflect relevant cultural heritage and preservation of the areas rural character or natural resources.

This policy has been implemented within CCC 11.89 as a required element for a Master Planned Resort. As outlined in the project narrative, the Mission Ridge Expansion has been designed around the existing topography of the site. The goal is to connect the existing Mission Ridge Ski and Board Resort to the Expansion so people can ski and connect between the two areas. The village aligns with the proposed ski runs and provides ski/out opportunities. The goal is to preserve the natural beauty of the site and provide a development that recognizes the character and integrates in with the area.

Policy LU 13.5: Permanent residential uses may be included within the boundaries of an MPR, provided such uses are integrated into and support the on-site recreational nature of the resort.

	This policy has been implemented within CCC 11.89 as a required element for a Master Planned Resort. As outlined in the project narrative, single-family units will be utilized as full-time residences, vacation homes, and for short term visitor accommodations, which will be managed by the resort. This approach is consistent with Chelan County Code. As designed, single family uses are included within the boundaries of the MPR and are integrated into and support the on-site recreational nature of the resort.  Policy LU 13.6 Necessary capital facilities, utilities and services may be provided to a MPR by outside service providers, including municipalities and special service districts, provided that all costs associated with service extensions and capacity increases directly attributed to the MPR are fully born by the resort, and provided that such facilities and utilities serve only the MPR and/or urban growth areas.  This policy has been implemented within CCC 11.89 as a required element for a Master Planned Resort. As outlined in the project narrative, we are proposing to provide a variety of capital facilities, utilities, and services including power, onsite sewer, and water. We are also coordinating with service providers, such as the fire district, to ensure coordination of services takes place.
(3) SEPA has been complied with.	As part of this application, we have provided a SEPA Checklist, supplemental studies, and previously completed SEPA information so that SEPA can be completed as part of this project.
(4) The proposed design and operation is such as to not cause adjacent urban growth or sprawl.	This project is designed and will be operated as to not cause adjacent urban growth or sprawl. The housing associated with this project is being provided at a density of less than 2 dwelling units per acre. Commercial services are being provided for the Master Planned Resort. Lastly, this project is designed around the recreational opportunities of the resort. The areas surrounding the property as federal lands and low-density zoning that does not permit urban growth or uses.
(5) If the proposal is located on timber or agricultural lands of long-term commercial significance, a finding has been made that the land is better suited and has more long-term importance for the master planned resort than for the commercial harvesting of timber or agricultural production.	The current zoning designation for the proposed Master Planned Resort Overlay is RR-20.
(6) On-site and off-site infrastructure impacts are fully considered and mitigated.	As part of developing this project, we have fully reviewed and have provided supplemental information that assesses e on-site and off-site infrastructure impacts of the proposal. This includes a traffic impact analysis, cultural resource study, fire plan, wildlife and critical areas assessment, geo-tech report, hydrology report, and an assessment of the economic development benefits of the project for the Wenatchee Valley.

(7) The project will be supported by adequate public facilities and services.

As noted in the narrative, we are providing for a five phase, 20-year build for this project. The public facilities and services needed will change as the site is built. We have worked closely with service providers such as the CCFD1 to ensure we are well coordinated as development moves forward.

(8) The resort includes a range of developed on-site indoor and/or outdoor recreational facilities.

As the narrative explains, the resort will include a range of indoor and outdoor activities for all ages and abilities. This includes new ski runs, Nordic trails, snow tubing, and biking and hiking. The commercial areas within the village will provide opportunities for concerts, wedding and conference facilities, and include uses like bars and restaurants.

(9) The proposed master planned resort will have no adverse impact on the general public health, safety and welfare.

The existing Mission Ridge Ski and Board Resort has been a part of the Wenatchee Valley community for over 50 years. The ownership takes pride in having a business that meets the needs of the community but also provides economic opportunities for the Wenatchee Valley through jobs and tourism. However, the existing resort has limitations on parking and uses and does not meet the needs of all its customers.

The Mission Ridge Expansion MPR will not have an adverse impact on the general public health, safety and welfare. We believe that this project will be a benefit by providing additional tourism and recreational opportunities that are fully supported by the Comprehensive Plan. The Expansion will also provide additional seasonal and year around jobs, both during the 20-year construction process and jobs of all ranges that will support resort recreation and commercial elements. We will mitigate impacts of the proposal, where identified, and have submitted additional information to show how this provide will not have an adverse impact on the public health, safety, and welfare of the community. We simply look forward to being partners with the community over the next 50 years!

### vii. Modification of approved permit (CCC 11.89.130)

Chelan County Code provides provisions about how modifications of approved Master Planned Resorts are reviewed and approved. Pursuant to CCC 11.89.130 an approved MPR "...may be amended or modified at the request of the applicant or the applicant's successor in interest. The administrator may administratively approve minor modifications to a final MPR plan. Minor modifications may include changes in density, provided the total number of dwelling units approved shall not exceed ten percent of the maximum number approved in the final MPR plan for the project or phase; and provided, that the net residential density is not altered; and also provided, that such changes do not significantly increase impacts on transportation, reduce buffers or open space, or increase impacts on the environment."

Based upon this code provision, the applicant has proposed additional language outlining the types of administrative modifications and when they are appropriate, as it relates to the Mission Ridge Expansion Master Planned Resort Overlay. The draft Development Agreement, along with proposed Modification of approved permit language, can be found in Section 4 of the application.

### R. Summary

The Mission Ridge Ski & Board Resort has been an outdoor recreation attraction in Chelan County for over 50 years. Over the course of that period of time, it has contributed significantly to the regional economy while also respecting the incredible natural beauty and environment that surrounds the resort.

The future of the Mission Ridge Ski & Board Resort presents many exciting opportunities not just for Chelan County, but for the greater region. As with many industries, ski resorts are changing. In addition to providing winter recreation, ski resorts are incorporating summer activities and expanded amenities to generate year-round activity. The vision for the Mission Ridge's future does just that by including expanded ski facilities, summer recreational opportunities, vacation homes, a hotel lodge, retail to support visitors, and a small number of homes for permanent residents. All of these additions will be an economic boon for Chelan County and will continue to enhance the tax base and attract additional visitors not just to the resort, but also to the County.

As part of this project's submittal and SEPA review, a number of studies were conducted to proactively identify possible impacts of the Mission Ridge expansion. The studies performed include a Traffic Impact Analysis; Cultural Resources Study; Fire Mitigation Plan; Aquatics, Wildlife, and Botany Resources Report; Geologic Hazards Report; Hydrology Memorandum; and an Economic Significance Report. All of these professional studies provide an in-depth assessment of the human and environmental impacts of the resort and supplement the SEPA determination. Furthermore, all report and study authors have reviewed changes to the site plan as of December 2019 and have issued statements of no changes needed, memoranda of revisions, or updated reports where needed.

The information contained within this application will be supplemented with additional analysis, as necessary and required, but the initial analysis has not resulted in the identification of any impacts that cannot be adequately mitigated. The proposed expansion will be a phased process that will incrementally add new facilities which will help reduce construction impacts. Finally, the proposed expansion is compliant with the objectives of the Washington State Growth Management Act and will continue to take every step necessary to achieve the resort's vision and generate economic benefit to the region within the parameters of the State's planning framework.

- 2.0 Master Site Plans
- 3.0 Master Planned Resort Application
- 4.0 Development Agreement
- 5.0 **SEPA** 
  - A. Historical SEPA Information
  - **B. Mission Ridge TIA**
  - C. Cultural Resources Report
  - D. Fire Protection Plan
  - E. Aquatics, Wildlife, and Botany Resources Report
  - F. Geologic Hazards Report
  - **G. Hydrology Memorandum**
  - **H. Economic Significance Report**