

## **NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (DEIS)**

**Proposal:** Mission Ridge Master Planned Resort Expansion Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS)

**Description of proposal:** The Applicant's proposal is to expand Mission Ridge Ski and Board Resort near Wenatchee, Washington, as part of a Master Planned Resort (MPR) Overlay District to enhance existing services for year-round outdoor recreation opportunities. Current limitations impeding resort operations include insufficient on-site parking facilities to meet peak demand, undersized and crowded beginner skier terrain, lack of recreation options for non-skiers, and lack of on-site overnight accommodations.

The Proposed Project would include phased construction and operation of the following:

- Alpine ski area expansion
- Snow tubing area development
- Nordic ski area development
- Up to seven new ski lifts
- Single-family residential development (265 units)
- Condominiums, townhouses, and duplexes (621 units)
- Hotel/lodge (57 rooms)
- Employee on-site housing (80 beds)
- Commercial and entertainment development (110,000 sq-ft)
- Access road and on-site parking
- Other supporting infrastructure, including a new fire station, safe refuge areas, large on-site septic system and potential wastewater treatment plan installation, new water supply wells, potential culvert replacements in the existing parking lot, fuel reduction/fire prevention measures, and outdoor recreation facilities
- Road improvements in the City of Wenatchee and along Squilchuck Road
- Improvements to Public Utility District No. 1 of Chelan County (Chelan PUD) power system, public water system, and fiberoptic telecommunication system

Additional details on the Mission Ridge MPR are available at:

<https://www.co.chelan.wa.us/community-development/pages/current-planning>

**Location of proposal:** The Proposed Project is located on the eastern side of the Cascade Range in Chelan County, approximately 12 miles southwest of the city of Wenatchee. The Project Area overlaps a portion of and adjoins the northeast boundary of the existing Mission Ridge Ski and Board Resort. Mission Ridge currently covers over 2,000 acres of leased land managed by the United States Forest Service (USFS) and Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW). The Project Area includes lands proposed for development within and outside of current resort boundaries, totaling approximately 1,090 acres across both public lands (USFS 287 acres, WDFW 365 acres) and private lands (436 acres). The Proposed Project would also necessitate construction and operations located outside of the Project Area. These connected actions would occur in road and utility corridors located between Mission Ridge and the City of Wenatchee.

**Lead agency:** Chelan County Department of Natural Resources

**Availability of Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS):** Chelan County will issue a DEIS for this proposal on **Saturday September 6, 2025**. Starting on that date, a copy of the DEIS, including technical appendices, can be found on the following websites:

- Chelan County website at <https://www.co.chelan.wa.us/community-development/pages/current-planning>
- SEPA Register at <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-Register>
- A printed version of the document is also available at the following locations:

Chelan County Community Development  
Attn: Deanna Walter  
316 Washington St. Suite 301  
Wenatchee, WA, 98801

Wenatchee Public Library  
310 Douglas St.  
Wenatchee, WA, 98801

**Alternatives:** An EIS is required to identify and analyze alternative approaches to meeting the goals of a proposal and are the basis for environmental analysis. Analyzing and comparing different alternatives provides information for the public and assists decision makers in selecting a preferred course of action. Alternatives that did not meet the definition of a reasonable alternative were eliminated from further consideration, leaving the Proposed Project (described above) and a “No Action” alternative.

The No Action Alternative represents the most likely future condition if the Proposed Project is not constructed and provides a baseline for comparing the effects of other alternatives. Under the No Action Alternative, none of the Proposed Project facilities would be constructed. Operation of existing facilities at Mission Ridge would continue under current management practices.

**Request for Written Comments:** If you wish to provide written comments on the DEIS, you may do so beginning **Saturday September 6, 2025, through Tuesday October 21, 2025, at 5:00 pm**. Comments should focus on the substance of the DEIS and be as specific as possible. This could include comments on the adequacy of the DEIS,

alternatives, methodology used, mitigation measures proposed, or additional information that should be considered. Comments may be provided in the following ways:

**Online:**

Complete a comment form at <https://forms.office.com/r/kyibLdsM8b>.

**By email to:**

[missionridgeeis@outlook.com](mailto:missionridgeeis@outlook.com)

**By mail to:**

Mission Ridge Expansion Master Planned Resort Draft EIS  
Mike Kaputa, Chelan County Department of Natural Resources  
411 Washington St. Suite 201  
Wenatchee, WA, 98801

In your comments, please reference the proposal name and legibly include your name and address (email and/or mailing address).

**In-Person Public Workshop September 22, 2025 in Wenatchee:**

Confluence Technology Center on **September 22, 2025, from 5:00 pm - 8:30 pm**

285 Technology Center Way Ste 102, Wenatchee, WA, 98801

**Agenda:**

5:00 pm – 6:00 pm Open House (1 hour)

6:00 pm – 7:00 pm Presentation (1 hour)

7:00 pm – 8:30 pm Open House (1.5 hours)

A virtual option to join the workshop will be provided only for the presentation portion from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm. The link to join the virtual presentation will be listed at <https://www.co.chelan.wa.us/community-development/pages/current-planning> at a date closer to the workshop.

Note: no public comment will be taken at the in-person workshop (commenters welcome to comment using the online/email/mail options described above).

**Draft DEIS Issue Date:** Saturday September 6, 2025

**Draft DEIS Comment Deadline:** Comments must be postmarked or received electronically with date and time stamped by Tuesday October 21, 2025, at 5:00 pm

**Date:** September 6, 2025

**SEPA Responsible Official:** Mike Kaputa, Director  
Chelan County Department of Natural Resources