

WENATCHEE

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

VALLEY

September 29, 2025

Mike Kaputa
Director
Chelan County Natural Resources Department
411 Washington St., Suite 201
Wenatchee, WA 98801

Dear Director Kaputa,

On behalf of the Wenatchee Valley Chamber of Commerce, I am pleased to express our strong support for the Mission Ridge Ski & Board Resort Expansion Project, which seeks to enhance existing services and expand year-round outdoor recreation opportunities in our region.

The Wenatchee Valley Chamber of Commerce represents and promotes the interests of hundreds of businesses throughout the Wenatchee Valley. Mission Ridge has long been an anchor for our economy, creating hundreds of jobs, drawing thousands of visitors annually, and generating significant tax revenue that supports vital public services. Its role as an economic engine cannot be overstated.

Since 1966, Mission Ridge has stood as a cornerstone of outdoor recreation, enriching the lives of residents and visitors alike. With its proud legacy and deep community roots, the resort has provided generations of families, outdoor enthusiasts, and tourists with exceptional recreational opportunities. The proposed expansion will strengthen that legacy—ensuring future generations can ski, snowboard, hike, snowshoe, and enjoy the outdoors throughout all four seasons.

Importantly, the project aligns with the Chamber's vision for a vibrant, safe, and welcoming community. Mission Ridge has demonstrated its commitment to responsible recreation management and stewardship of natural resources, ensuring that expansion will be carried out thoughtfully, with respect for both the environment and the people who live, work, and play here.

We respectfully encourage Chelan County to approve the permit application for the Mission Ridge Expansion Project. This investment will drive economic growth, enhance our quality of life, and provide expanded recreation opportunities that will benefit our community for decades to come.

Sincerely,

Steven Wilkinson

Steven J. Wilkinson
Executive Director
Wenatchee Valley Chamber of Commerce