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Dear Wenatchee River Ranger District Neighbors and Interested Parties,

The Okanogan -Wenatchee National Forest is proposing to amend the existing special use permit held by Mission Ridge Ski and Board Resort (Mission Ridge) to expand ski area operations into adjacent National Forest land on the Wenatchee River Ranger District (Figure 1 and 2). The Project proposal includes responding to Mission Ridge's application to:

- 1) amend the Mission Ridge Special Use Permit and expand the permit area,
- 2) build a new access road to a second base area, and
- 3) construct new alpine ski lifts and ski runs on National Forest lands.

Corresponding actions would occur on private land in the area to further expand ski area operations and develop a multi-family residential community. Preparation of an Environmental Assessment (EA) is planned that will evaluate the potential effect of this proposed action and any alternative actions to the physical, biological and social environments on National Forest land. The proposed Project encompasses: Sections 19, and 30, Township 21N, Range 20E, W.M. and Sections 24, and 25, Township 21N, Range 19E, W.M. The actions on National Forest or land administered by the National Forest are located within Sections 24, 25 and 30. Mission Ridge is working with Chelan County and other relevant agencies to analyze and plan the development on private land in Sections 19 and 30. Project implementation would be dependent on the coincident Washington State Environmental Protection Act (SEPA) process and Chelan County application process.

Additional project details can be found at: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53981>, in the *Scoping Letter Supplemental Information*.

At this time, I am initiating scoping and am interested in any comments or issues you may have concerning this action. Comments will be most useful to us if they are received by 9/28/18. Comments by postal mail must be addressed to: District Ranger Jeffrey Rivera, Wenatchee River RD, 600 Sherbourne, Leavenworth, WA, 98826. Email should be sent to: comments-pacificnorthwest-wenatchee-wrrd@fs.fed.us. Comments received in response to this solicitation, which must include names and addresses of those who comment, for future consideration for objection, will be considered part of the public record on these proposed actions and will be available for public inspection. For more information about this project please see: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53981> or contact Mason Schuur, Project Team Leader, at (509) 548-2556. Thank you for your interest in the management of the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest.

Sincerely,

Jeff Rivera
District Ranger

Enclosures

