

HOOD RIVER NEWS
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Not a great site

A destination resort at Cooper Spur is a bad idea for several reasons.

1. Hood River is presently the "destination" of choice. The atmosphere of a genuine town as opposed to an artificial town is much preferred. There is plenty of lodging, nice shops and good restaurants in Hood River. There are two golf courses in town.
2. Mt. Hood is much sought out by the recreational community because it is relatively unspoiled. The trends are away from "destination resorts" and there are a lot of them in existence already.
3. Let's face it, the snow on Hood is not that great. The cost of putting in a world class golf course is astronomical. This thing could turn out to be a big flop and at the same time wreck the existing appeal of the mountain.
4. Real destination resorts have airports. Not that I want to see one built up on the mountain. I don't.

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