

HOOD RIVER NEWS
LETTERS TO THE EDITOR
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Resort as it is

As a long time member of the Friends of Cooper Spur Mountain Resort, I would like to go on record as saying that most of my fellow members, informally polled, prefer the resort to stay the way it is now, with no further development. Many of us were present at the hearing on Jan. 22 and were astonished to discover that all the proponents of the resort who testified were upper management of Meadows but did not admit it!

We are not happy to have been misrepresented by the resort, misled by its management, and potentially facing a development that not only would not meet our needs as skiers, but also would harm our local lodging and recreation businesses, as well as harming the county water supply and increasing the seasonable unemployment of the county. It's time for Mt. Hood Meadows to count its blessings for the permit we have already granted it to use our forest service land and back off from this very bad new expansion, which would even go against what its supporters desire.

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