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I am so glad to see that a study has been done to show the benefits of a public resort vs. a private one! I don't think the public understands what an enormous opportunity Tom Maclay is bringing for our community! Having worked in two log home companies in the valley and seeing the seasonal layoffs and impacts that has on the community – I am very excited to see another industry coming to the valley that will give people more job opportunities. A four season resort will have many lower paying jobs, but the many mid to upper management job opportunities will help boost the economy and give people in the low paying jobs a chance to move up the ladder. Having grown up in Seattle going to amphitheatres and skate rinks as a child, I welcome those activities for my own children. The resort will offer many amenities that this area has been lacking which in turn, makes it even more attractive to me. I have no doubt with the Forest Service involvement in the project that they will help oversee and mitigate any negative environmental impacts. With Tom Maclay being a local rancher, I also have no doubt that he will take very good care of the lands that have been in his family for generations. If I were given a chance to vote, I would vote emphatically YES for a public resort.

Wendy Madsen

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