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LAWSUIT ASKS COURT TO HALT SKI RESORT **LAND** DEAL
 Peter Sleeth - The Oregonian (Library Note: Byline omitted from the
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A Hood River Valley **land**-use watchdog group filed a lawsuit
 Wednesday against Hood River County seeking to annul a **land** swap
 with the Mt. Hood Meadows Ski Resort.

The **land exchange** is part of a move by the ski area to build a
 year-round resort next to the **Cooper Spur** ski area. The lawsuit
 alleges the county valued the **land** it traded to Mt. Hood Meadows
 only as timberland, when it should have appraised the **land** at the
 value of its potential use.

The lawsuit was filed in Hood River County Circuit Court by the
 Hood River Valley Residents Committee and Mike McCarthy, a pear
 farmer.

-- Peter Sleeth

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