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# Land and Resource Management Plan

## Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest



- b. As a minimum, a trailhead will provide adequate parking for an average peak season weekend day's use. This may be provided by turnouts located within 1/4 mile of the trail. Signs and posters needed to inform the trail user should be provided.
- c. Heavier use situations may include off-road parking, horse-handling facilities, toilets and garbage containers. Only under unusual circumstances will such facilities as potable water and camping facilities be provided at trailheads.
- d. When a trail will be intersected by new road construction, the needed trailhead facilities should be part of the road construction "package".

#### 8. Maintenance.

- a. Annual trail management plans list the total requirements for maintaining the trail system. The following criteria are normally used in establishing priority for trail maintenance work:

Generally, the first priority for maintenance activities would be the correction of unsafe conditions relative to the management objectives. Following this, maintenance activities (see section 4.23 of FSH 2309.18) are based on the primary objective and difficulty level (See Trail Maintenance Activity Matrix, MBS Trails Handbook).

#### Winter Recreation

1. Each major winter recreation activity (Alpine and Nordic skiing, snowmobiling, and snow play) will have areas designated and managed to accommodate them. Other activities occurring within these areas should be limited or prohibited if they conflict with the primary activity, or if overcrowding develops.
2. Ranger District Mountain Weather/Avalanche Advisory Systems will be coordinated with the R6, NW Avalanche Center System. The Forest will provide public information and education on avalanche conditions and safety.
3. Patrol and safety may be provided through a combination of permittee and/or volunteer ski patrols. The Forest Service may provide leadership and training in such patrol activity.
4. Different skill levels of users shall be provided for and considered when designing trails and related facilities. A spectrum of opportunities for winter recreation will be maintained, including primitive dispersed opportunities with no facilities.
5. National Forest managers will coordinate with and support the Sno-Park and Snowmobile programs. Normally, provision for plowed parking will be made through these programs.

Recreation  
Forest-wide S&G

6. Alpine ski permittees will be encouraged to integrate winter dispersed recreation into their operations if and when the opportunity and demand exists.
7. Where a need for groomed trails is identified, such facilities will normally be provided through special use permits. The permittee may be allowed to charge user fees.
8. Winter recreation facilities, such as parking lots, groomed ski trails, motorized use zones, and cross country ski trails, should attempt to avoid south-facing aspects where significant wildlife winter use occurs.

**Motorized Vehicle Use**

1. Ensure that motorized use, including over snow type is managed to mitigate their impacts on other resources, promote safety of users, and minimize conflict. (Executive Order 11644, as amended by EO 11989).
2. Provide a diverse system of maintained trails for the enjoyment of all users and to meet the needs for administrative and resource management purposes.
3. Use ORV closures only when needed to minimize disturbance of wildlife, minimize recreation use conflicts, or to protect soil and water resources.

