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Comments: Dear Forest Service,

I have read the documents about the proposed thinning on Glacier creek road. I am not necessarily against such work in the area, but I think it should be done in a way that preserves access to the Heliotrope ridge trail as much as possible.

Being a backcountry skier and climber, for me the peak season is in Spring and early Summer as well as early Winter when the road is mostly snow-free but there is still good snow cover for skiing on the glaciers. I am also concerned that closures of the road will affect my friends who work in the mountain guiding industry and earn their living bringing people up the Coleman-Deming route on the mountain.

I think that forest management can and should be done in a way that minimally affects the backcountry recreationist. I also welcome improvements to the road infrastructure that this might bring. Given the exploding popularity of backcountry skiing in the 542 corridor, we should be looking to increase non-motorized access (perhaps by plowing areas such as Skyline Ridge, Heliotrope, or Canyon creek) to relieve the pressure on the Heather Meadows area.

Sincerely,

Kameron Decker Harris