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Comments: The Cascades are an incredibly valuable asset to this region - as a watershed, as a wilderness, and as a recreational hub for our citizens.

We use a tiny fraction of this asset for organized winter recreation, all of which is defined by already-built road access.

As our population continues to increase, we need to smartly address the demand for access to this resource.

Clearly, there is little regulatory appetite for building additional ski areas, as much as the need exists given our population growth. To that end, maximizing the efficiency and availability of what already exists is critical to making snow sports accessible to as many people as possible within the existing envelope of allowed ski area access.

I fully support the expansion of White Pass' infrastructure. Further, I support thoughtful expansion or addition of new ski terrain to absorb future demand. The environment is paramount, but balanced correctly with demand, we can ensure access to this amazing asset without despoiling the vast wilderness that we cherish.