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Comments: Most access routes to Glacier Peak have not been maintained over the past 20 yrs. One of the main routes via White Chuck River to Kennedy Hot Springs trail head has been deliberately dug up as in 8 miles of road and over 100 car parking area at the trailhead is gone. There used to be mule packers but most of those old timers are no longer packing and the mule trails have not been maintained. Almost 20 yrs ago I was part of a goat survey crew on Chocolate Ridge on the east side of Glacier Peak where the volcano blew out and the lahar fine dust blew all around us when the wind blew. A few thousand years ago the volcanic eruption was so deep coming down the White Chuck/Sauk River drainage that the Sauk river changed course and instead of flowing out the Stillaguamish drainage which was blocked by the lahar debri it now flows out to the Skagit River. At the bridge near Hampton Mill/Sauk Prairie rd junction a land owner was drilling a well and ran into an old growth log at 80 ft deep. "https://www.usgs.gov/volcanoes/glacier-peak/eruption-history" Flying equipment and crews in with helicopters will be much more efficient, take much less time, and less money in the long run. If the enviro groups are so worried about the noise then maybe they should take it up with the Navy flying jets way below us at 8500 ft and they were not quiet. Hiking in and around the Glacier Peak area for 40 yrs the navy jets are a common occurrence flying below ridge lines in the area mountains. The October 21,2003 flood started on the flanks of Glacier Peak after 12 inches of rain in 24 hrs. wiped out the Kennedy Hot Springs cabin, the hot springs, the trail, and the road, and continued down to the water gauge at Rockport where it clocked in at 102,000 cubic feet per second. Refer to this document about the rest of the damage.
"https://historydarrington.wordpress.com/2014/10/22/rembering-kennedy-hot-springs-october-21-22-2003/" Read the history folks there is plenty of information showing how destructive Glacier Peak can be.