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Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this project.

I support this project in that it brings recreational opportunities for the winter non-motorized users on the OOWNF. A majority of the publicly funded winter facilities and dollars spent by WA State and the USFS is heavily weighted to providing infrastructure and opportunities for motorized winter recreation. There is a need for the Cle Elum district to balance recreational uses among the various forms of recreation and this project does so. The location of the huts is simply occupying an already established summer campground with parking and toilet facilities which means little to no expenditure on the part of the Cle Elum district. In addition, the location of the proposed huts will allow easier access for those of us wanting to enter the Beverly-Bean winter non-motorized area for backcountry skiing opportunities. This area is separate from, and designated for such non-motorized use so avoiding conflicts with the motorized users.

The USFS is mandated to provide a wide spectrum of recreational opportunities for ALL users and this project is a step in that direction where opportunities are currently severely lacking.

Please add my comments to the public record and include me in any further notices related to this project. I would be happy to meet with you or answer any additional questions you may have.