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Comments: The permit proposal indicates guiding will be permitted "on the N Fork Teanaway River at DeRoux camp on FS Rd 9737, NF Teanaway Road." Paragraph 4 indicates "No guiding will be permitted in the Alpine Lakes Wilderness Area". Are the guiding services limited to the Teanaway River, as stated, within the WNF? If Guiding services are permitted in an area other than this, that area needs to be delineated. The language reads that this is this is a river guiding permit and is not likely what is intended. Clarification is needed.

Paragraph 4: The timing of the porter and shuttle services needs to be better described to avoid, as much as possible, potential conflict with other users. "Early in the morning" should be bracketed with actual time as the current times for higher snowmobile use in the morning is between 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. If the permittee can adjust the check-in/check-out hours to midday (say 11a.m to 2:00p.m. or 2:30 p.m. or prior to 8:30A.M. it would reduce rather than increase traffic in the morning when the majority of snowmobile usage occurs.

While it is beyond the scope of this proposed permit to evaluate the need for this type of service, it is expected that additional permit requests may be forthcoming. The FS needs to look at the need as well as the carrying capacity before considering additional permits. This permit will provide valuable information to evaluate the viability of permits such as this. Utilization of the existing facilities for the camp site is supported. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.