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

I have long known of the PNT (Pacific Northwest Trail) and have been a member of this trail organization in the past. I've studied the route of the PNT, and even commented a couple of years ago to officials on the replacement bridge over Swift Creek (I believe) or other, in or near the Mt. Baker Wilderness.

The PNT provides a unique trail existing in an area without any other significant trail, at least traveling east to west. If better known, it would relieve overuse on other trails, both locally and nationally. With time it could become as well known and popular a trail as the PCT (Pacific Crest Trail) or the CDT (Continental Divide Trail), the former of which it crosses and the latter of which it touches at its eastern starting point. The only other significant East-West Trail is the American Discovery Trail (stretching across the nation) and the Ice Age Trail (in the upper Mid-West). Also the PNT is less well developed and signed, thus providing a more adventuresome undertaking, for those who want such.

Please proceed with producing the Comprehensive Management Plan for the PNT (Pacific Northwest Trail).

Thank you,

Don Potter