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Comments: Thank you for taking comments on this! I am writing to strongly support this proposal. These huts would serve to greatly expand the number of possible ways to access the amazing winter backcountry terrain that WA has. Staying in a backcountry hut in the winter is a great experience and there are very few options to do that currently so they are hard to get a reservation at. I believe there is a strong demand for huts like this. This sounds like it will be a similar situation as the Fortune Peak Hut in the Teanaway area which sounds like it has been working well so far. As nice as a permanent wood cabin would be, I love the idea of these temporary structures because of the almost non-existent impact they would have on the trailheads and forest around them. I can't think of any downsides! Please allow these huts to be created!

Thank you, Ben Matthews