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Comments: I stand with the backcountry ski community in opposition to this project. For many years I have been a frequent winter visitor to Mt Baker and the surrounding area. In recent years access to suitable backcountry ski terrain has become more difficult due to road closures, limited parking, and other factors. The focus of the USFS should be to improve public access to winter trailheads by maintaining roads and expanding parking. This project does the opposite - it increases access for a small group of people (wealthy clients paying \$200/day or more to a private guide service), at the expense of the local community. I will not support any project that prioritizes private commercial activity over public access to public land, and request that this project be denied.