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Comments: Thanks for taking the time to read my thoughts. I am not in favor of the huts at Anderson or Heliotrope. I feel like these placements will create conflicts with local backcountry user groups already established in those areas. In both locations road access can be difficult and parking can be very minimally available depending on snow/freezing level elevation. I am in favor of the huts in the Twin Sisters and Bearpaw. My reasoning for this is that Baker Mountain Guides already operates commercially out of the Twins and not many other people access this area. The Whatcom Snowmobile Club operates other warming huts and those are accessible to the general public. Where this proposal rubs me the wrong way is that people keep claiming it'll open up access. This isn't actually the case. What it'll do is open up commercial operations for a few organizations, and the recreation loving local public wont gain anything from commercial operations catering to tourists (aside from the Bearpaw hut).

My suggestion to the orgs wanting to put huts at Heliotrope and Anderson is to find different areas with less current traffic, that way user group conflict will be less of a problem. Until they do that I am opposed to this proposal.

Thanks so much.