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Comments: I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposal for private ski huts on public land. As a concerned citizen who values the preservation of our natural landscapes and equitable access to public resources, I believe that such a venture would pose significant threats to both the environment and the principles of public land stewardship.

Ski guided groups typically have very bad "leave no trace" ethics. They usually travel in large groups of 10+ people and take over an area, leaving no space for others. American Alpine Club and Mt Baker ski guides are some of the least considerate guide organizations in the outdoors.

First and foremost, the introduction of private ski huts on public land would set a dangerous precedent for the privatization of recreational areas that should be accessible to all members of the community. Public lands are meant to be enjoyed by everyone, regardless of their socioeconomic status or ability to pay for exclusive amenities. By allowing private ski huts to be established, we risk creating a system of exclusion where only those who can afford to pay for guided tours and access to these facilities are able to enjoy the beauty of our natural landscapes.

Furthermore, the construction and operation of ski huts on public land would undoubtedly have negative impacts on the environment. These structures would require significant land clearing and infrastructure development, leading to habitat destruction, soil erosion, and disruption of wildlife corridors. Additionally, increased human activity in these areas would contribute to noise pollution, air pollution from transportation, and the accumulation of waste and litter.

In light of these concerns, I urge you to reject the proposal for ski guided private ski huts on public land. Instead, I encourage you to prioritize the preservation of our natural landscapes and the promotion of equitable access to outdoor recreation opportunities for all members of the community. By safeguarding our public lands and upholding the principles of conservation and inclusivity, we can ensure that future generations are able to enjoy the beauty and benefits of these cherished resources.

Thank you for considering my perspective on this important issue. I trust that you will make the right decision in the best interest of our public lands and the communities they serve.