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Comments: As an enthusiast of both snowboarding and snowmobiling, I oppose this plan for mountain shelters. I spend time riding snowmobiles with my family and friends at several of our local SnoParks. Driving up primitive roads and riding a relatively undeveloped area is part of the back country experience. Trail grooming and warming huts are already made available thanks to the snowmobiling community, and non-motorized users are already welcome to use them. While snowmobiling on Mt Baker we meet numerous skiers and hikers on the mountain and it is great to share the back county winter sports experience with others.

The installation of these proposed shelters is a move in the wrong direction, a move toward commercialization and over development of back country recreation areas.

For those looking for commercialized winter recreation, the northwest is full of developed ski areas with all the amenities .