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Comments: Dear Mt Baker Ranger District planning team,

I am writing to comment on the Hut proposal in the Mount Baker Ranger District. As an avid snowmobiler, myself and my friends ride Glacier Creek, Anderson Watson, and the other snowmobile areas in this district frequently. These are one of a kind snowmobile recreation areas. I am against this proposal of ski huts at Glacier Creek and Anderson Watson. The reasons this proposal should not be allowed are as follows: 1) This proposal would create unwanted user conflicts. Per the current forest plan, "each major winter recreation activity (snowmobiling) will have areas designated and managed to accommodate them. other activities occurring within these areas should be limited or prohibited if they conflict with the primary activity". 2) There is not enough parking and road capacity for these areas to handle an operation like this. This would create an unwanted overcrowding situation. 3) This proposal would overburden the motorized winter recreation program and trail system which snowmobilers pay to maintain. this would significantly increase wear and tear and required maintenance. 4) Selling out our public lands and motorized winter recreation trail program to private outfitters is not acceptable. Lodging needs to remain in the towns and cities, not in our snowmobile areas. Please keep me updated on this issue.

Sincerely,

Ryan