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Comments: Please do not allow permits for new commercial winter huts up Heliotrope Ridge, or at Anderson-Watson. Privately owned for-profit huts are not something we need on public lands, especially in the few areas that allow motorized access.

To start with, the snowmobile club warming huts have already existed for several years (like the one on FS 3160) and have a proven track record of success for local backcountry users. These are by no means in any way similar to the other newly proposed huts, so please separate this one from the proposal. The snowmobile club huts are free and available to all backcountry users, and managed very well thanks to the local hard-working snowmobile clubs. These clubs are excellent at installing them just before the snow flies and removing them as soon as they're able to, with no impact on the surroundings. They are simply on a trailer and easily transportable off-site once the snow melts. This is unlikely to be the case with the newly proposed installments and their environmental impacts.

Heliotrope Ridge and the Anderson-Watson proposed locations are all areas where the motorized community has backcountry access. These are some of the very few locations that the motorized community is able to use in this region of the state. Hiking and backcountry skiing access are available in so many other locations, as opposed to the already highly-restricted motorized access. Please don't add even more complications to access for the motorized community (I might add that I'm primarily a non-motorized user, but dabble in the motorized community).

The infrastructure just plain doesn't exist to support these huts. If these exist, we would need large parking lots and plowed access. Who would install these? The state or county? Already, driving up the unmaintained snowy and bumpy dirt Forest Service roads is treacherous. Parking is extremely challenging and bordering on just plain unsafe in these areas. Parking is usually finding some slightly wider spot on the snowy road and managing to sneak off to the side so that someone else can pass. Hopefully you won't get stuck. With the added burden of many more backcountry users, most of whom (based on my personal experience) a) don't know how to drive on snowy roads and b) don't have either parking or single-lane road driving etiquette, shows that this proposal which would bring more people into these areas is a recipe for disaster. Before any decision is made on this proposal, I recommend those who are in charge of the outcome should try driving on these roads in the winter months.

Furthermore, this is a huge slap in the face for the motorized community. The USFS no longer has the funds and ability to maintain aging roads and infrastructure. Who does a large portion of the maintenance on the roads to these proposed sites? The local snowmobile clubs put in immense amounts of effort (hundreds of volunteer hours and tens of thousands of volunteer dollars when it comes to equipment and materials used) in order to make the roads usable. The work is done with the intentions that they're for the benefit of everyone in the community, not just themselves, even though most others don't contribute to the work.

The allowance of these temporary structures and additional users will most likely eventually push out the local motorized community. Without the support of the motorized community, all the roads to their sno-parks would likely already be demolished and unusable. Their assistance with local search and rescue and other forms of local contributions is immense. The public won't receive their help if they've been pushed out. Human powered backcountry travelers have other locations they can access which motorized users don't. I propose these private organizations find locations which don't impinge upon the already minimal rights of the motorized community.

Allowing a private, for-profit entity with no expectation of managing roads, access, and parking while increasing user numbers is just plain irresponsible. The private entities will only benefit the paying customers and will detract

from everyone else's public land experience. The USFS will see very little return or more of a burden in exchange for all the damage that is done. Installation of the proposed backcountry huts will detract from everyone's experience on our beautiful public lands, so please, do not allow the backcountry huts that are proposed in areas with motorized use overlap.