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Comments: My concerns or suggestions:

- Establish clear guidelines and guardrails for how and where privately owned organizations use public land for their benefit and profit.
- A framework would help determine whether the proposal really affects winter-time public access in the proposed locations.
- There are areas like the Twin Sisters that are out of reach for most public access in the winter. There are other areas like Heliotrope that are within reach of public access in the winter. If a privately-owned organization is able to use accessible areas for their benefit, it would affect general access for the public.
- Guidelines for determining where permits can be issued based on access and other factors like environmental impact would help keep public lands accessible to the public.
- If there are permits issued to private for-profit organizations, a percentage of the money that they make should be used for improving things like roads, environmental rehabilitation, and to other things that directly benefit the community.
- I'm strongly against Aspire Adventure Running's proposal to use the Heliotrope trailhead for their huts bc it proposes to use an area that is accessible to the public in the winter for the profit of a privately run organization.
- I'm against Round House Touring's proposal to use the Anderson Watson Trailhead for their huts bc it proposes to use an area that is accessible to the public in the winter for the profit of a privately run organization.
- I support Whatcom County Snowmobile Club's use of FS3160 for their shelter bc it is community club that already helps maintain the area to the benefit of the community.
- I would support Baker Mountain Guides' proposal to use the Twin Sisters area for their huts with very clear guardrails on how they interact with the community, the environment, and other local guiding companies. I also think that this location is a good example of using public land that is otherwise inaccessible to most of the public in the winter time.
- Guidelines in this process should also determine how to prioritize community groups.
- I think there should also be established guidelines that prioritize community clubs and groups over privately run guiding companies.