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Comments: I am a Washingtonian who recreates in the winter backcountry 25+ days per year. I believe all of us need more information to make an informed decision about the proposed huts.

These huts would be on public land. How accessible will they be for the public at large, unguided? How would that use be managed? Would there be a recreation.gov reservation system? What would the cost be? What time periods or how often would they be usable by the unguided public? The details here are essential to making a solid decision.

If the proposed huts near trailheads will use public trailhead toilets, there should be enforced monitoring, and potentially pumping-out before the end of the season -- not just at the end of the season.

What will the environmental impact of these huts be? Will the Twin Sisters hut require cutting old-growth to install? How will human waste and water be managed?

Thank you for your careful time and consideration on these projects. If approved, they will set a precedent for similar huts throughout the region, and it's imperative to collect all data and details -- and share it all with the public to allow for informed opinion and commentary -- before moving forward.

Sincerely,

Alisse Cassell