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Comments: I recreate in the Snoqualmie pass environment approximately a dozen time in the winter, mostly skiing in both the lift-served and backcountries areas at the pass. In recent years, parking has become very limited on most weekends throughout the pass, and am concerned that a potentially decades-long closure of the Gold Creek sno-park could further exacerbate the situation.

This sno-park also provides the most convenient access to safe non-avalanche-prone terrain for snowshoers and others with less experience in the backcountry. This includes people like my elderly father for whom this is his main way of enjoying the outdoors in the winter. I am concerned that other trailheads do not provide similarly safe and simple access to the beautiful snowy environs of the pass. I worry this could push these types of users into less forgiving areas at the pass (esp the source lake and snow lake environs).

I hope that more attention can be paid to mitigating these issues by establishing new parking areas in the pass--- for example plowing the trail-head at the common wealth basin/Kendall peak area, by allowing winter time access in areas adjacent to the project, and clearly advertising suitable alternatives.