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Comments: This project needs to include more substantive plans for offsetting the significant loss of Gold Creek Valley as a winter recreation access point.

For the last 4 years+ ALL of the I90 Snoqualmie snow parks hit full capacity on weekends through the winter season. The Snoqualmie area snow parks can not support the current demand which has lead to dangerous conditions: including illegal parking, improper use of snow parks, and trespassing on private land.

I agree with the CPA and the Forest Service should investigate the feasibility of the following additional solutions to help address the already difficult parking issues in the Snoqualmie Pass vicinity:

- + Provide parking at the PCT North (Kendall Katwalk) parking lot to improve access to the Commonwealth Basin for snowshoeing and backcountry skiing
- + Allow winter recreationalists to continue to access F.S Road 4832-144 in the Gold Creek Valley, which is outside the project area and provides snowshoeing opportunities and backcountry skiing access
- + Allow recreationalists to access the upper Gold Creek Valley via trail 1314 by including clear signage and/or temporary trail markers as necessary to maintain closure of project area
- + Expand parking on Lake Mardee Road and pursue opportunities to acquire the adjacent private land, where snowshoers can access F.S road 9090 and provide additional snow play opportunities in the flat open area.
- + Work with WSDOT to allow parking on the north side of I-90 at Exit 62 and add signage and trail connector for cross country skiers and snowshoers to access Cabin Creek and Mount Amabalis trail system.
- +Invest and open more snow parks in the greater Washington area to address increase demand.