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Comments: Hello,

The Forest Service should be taking more efforts to ensure the recreation impacts from this project are minimal. Gold Creek Pond is the most popular snowshoe route in all of WA, so there will be significant impacts, especially if the Summit at Snoqualmie begins to charge for parking during the winter. I90 recreation is already at capacity. Here are some ideas to mitigate the effects of this project:

- * Keep roadside Sno-Park parking for Gold Creek, even if Gold Creek Pond itself is closed. People use this parking for accessing Kendall Peak Lakes, Mt. Margaret, and other areas.
- * Designate the flat area near the start of Kendall Peak Lakes as a snow play area, with a small sledding hill.
- * Allow travel up the Gold Creek valley outside of the closure area for backcountry skiers to still access ski terrain further up the valley.
- * 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
- * Approve the PCT North trailhead for winter plowing as a Sno-Park.
- * Develop a Sno-Park on the north side of exit 62 in the unused parking lot.

In general, it seems like Okanogan Wenatchee needs to work more closely with Baker Snoqualmie, since the pass spans both jurisdictions.