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Comments: Hello,

I have some feedback on the hut proposals. Generally, I have no concerns about the snowmobile warming hut up Canyon Creek road.

Twin Sister Hut: I know the guiding company plans on operating the hut so that there is no public access. I do not support this hut unless there is at least 50% public access (this applies to all of the overnight huts).

Heliotrope Hut: I have concerns about how much storm skiing terrain there is in this area. The lack of avalanche safe terrain could make the hut underutilized or encourage users to make unsafe decisions. Additionally, the hut operators did not seem to be very knowledgeable about the area when we asked questions.

Anderson Lakes Hut: This hut makes the most sense because of the variety of storm skiing and alpine skiing terrain in wilderness areas very nearby. This hut would make new terrain accessible to skiers without snowmobiles, which is an improvement of access. If implemented, I would like to see at least 50% open to public use.

In general, customers should have to park at a lower trailhead and get shuttled up to snowline by the hut operator to reduce parking impacts. Also, it might be best if hut operators made a special contribution to the motorized Sno-Park program to help pay for the grooming costs that other snowmobilers are paying for.