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

I recreated at Snoqualmie pass almost every week in January and February 2024. Almost all parking lots are always full, and the people from Gold Creek area will not have anywhere else to go. You should provide alternate parking by plowing the Kendall Katwalk parking lot. Gold Creek is one of the only flat recreation areas for the elderly or those with young children who cannot afford to ski. You should 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 that could be used by the elderly and children.