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Comments: I am encouraged by the reclamation of Gold Creek; however, as a frequent visitor to the Snoqualmie Pass area, I am concerned there is not an adequate plan to ensure impacts from this project are minimal. Parking for winter recreation is already at capacity. I would like to see the Forest Service explore the following options to ensure access to all groups during this closure:

-Keep the Gold Creek Sno-Park and roadside parking open, even if the Gold Creek Pond is closed.

-Keep backcountry travel up Gold Creek valley (outside the closure area) open.

-Plow the PCT North Trailhead lot and designate it as a Sno-Park.

-Develop an additional Sno-Park on the north side of exit 62.

-Plow the road to the Lake Keechelus Trailhead lot and designate it as a Sno-Park