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Comments: In 1966 my family moved to Seattle from Eastern Washington and I began a lifelong attachment to Snoqualmie Pass. I've skied every year since as well as taught snow sports, coached competitive racing, as well as numerous other year around sports. Since 1988 my family has also owned a cabin in the Gold Creek Valley in the Ski Tour area along Gold Creek. My roots here run long and deep.

I'm very enthusiastic and excited about the upcoming Gold Creek project. I believe and trust in the plans that I've followed for years now through reading, meeting with involved staff as well as field trips to other similar projects. I believe this will be of great benefit to all involved, most especially the environment that is so critical to all species that use the Valley.

I am in favor of getting the work done as quickly as possible , hopefully the creek work in a single season. To that end I favor 7 day work weeks and longer than 9-5 construction hours if that is important to the contractors and officials. One of my major concerns regards the road access. As a cabin owner I understand the need for the construction crews to use the single road in and hope that they will have a monitor at the gate during all times access and egress are needed to protect the security of both the homes in the Valley as well and the contractor's equipment. At times I see this as needing a person at each end of the road with radios as the road is quite narrow

I've also used the State Park Palouse to Cascade trails during all times of the year. The proposed gates to be closed after the lake level reaches a certain point is a very well designed component of the project. I'm disappointed that the road will be closed to all winter access as it's of great value to spread the crush of visitors to the Snow Park in the winter months. It provides a very valuable option for all from skiers and snowshoers to walkers. With winter access to the Gold Creek Pond reduced it's even more important in the future.

I look forward very much to this project.