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Comments: I hereby submit my opposition to the proposed plan based on the glaring omission of an appropriate and reasonable plan to account for winter recreation in the environs surrounding Gold Creek. In addition to a wholly inadequate 'thinking through' of the impacts on nearby locations (already operating well above reasonable capacity), the plan provides no real explanation as to *why* winter recreation will be displaced for the duration of the renovation.

Failing to account for this and proceeding with the plan as-written, will generate an unsupportable amount of additional traffic to locations such as Cabin Creek -- the region's *only* and premiere Nordic Ski focused recreation area. Shunting non-ski traffic to these trails will have poor results at best, and disastrous at worst. The parking alone is not able to absorb hundreds of additional vehicles. The excellent grooming provided for skiing visitors will be sharply and rapidly degraded by a corresponding increase in volume -- particularly if those visitors are hiking or snowshoeing.

I implore the Forest Service to take into account the importance of preserving winter recreation opportunities in the region and hope that suitable accommodations can be made to support both the renovation and the popular enjoyment of the winter trails.