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Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to comment. Overall, I fully support the expected outcome of the Gold Creek Valley restoration work. I do have concerns about the proposed multi-year closure of all recreation access in the Gold Creek Valley, The I-90 corridor is very heavily used by recreationists all year round and eliminating access at Gold Creek will greatly stress and ultimately damage other access points around Snoqualmie Pass.

Winter access in particular will be impacted, although there are mitigation acts that should be considered:

- Maintain limited access in Gold Creek Valley by allowing winter recreationalists to access F.S road 4832-144 (which is outside the project area and is used regularly by snowshoers and backcountry skiers) via a short stretch of 4832-142.

- Explore additional winter access opportunities, such as plowing the Pacific Crest Trail North parking lot. This would help alleviate parking congestion around Snoqualmie Pass that will be exacerbated by the closure of the Gold Creek Valley Sno-Park.

A final concern about the project overall is the seeming lack of coordination between Okanogan-Wenatchee N.F and Mount Baker-Snoqualmie N.F to consider the above and possible additional actions to offset the loss of recreation access in the Gold Creek Valley.