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Comments: Access points for backcountry skiing from Seattle are few and far between. The main access point is the Summit/Alpental, however this leads to large crowds, since backcountry skiers, resort skiers, snowshoers, kids wanting to play in the snow, all converge on one spot and parking lot. Gold Creek is a key alternative access point for backcountry recreationist at the pass (lower access points often don't have enough snow). It would be really great if a way could be found to still allow access while providing the required protection for the project. Backcountry recreationists care about the restoration project and would be very responsible in terms of following signage, avoiding closed areas etc, so providing them some avenue of access should not have any negative impacts on the project yet would make a huge difference to the backcountry community.