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Comments: I am deeply concerned that the proposed project would result in a multi-year closure of Gold Creek Pond and its recreation facilities, including the popular snowshoe loop and back country access further up the valley. Beyond being an important winter access point for snow play, snowshoers, and backcountry skiers, during snow-free months the Gold Creek area provides ADA access to the incredible views of the Gold Creek Valley.

The draft environmental assessment has determined no significant environmental impacts and no significant recreational impacts, citing that the 100-300 cars who recreate at the Gold Creek Sno-Park can visit other areas during the closure. Since there currently is not enough parking in the Snoqualmie Pass area and other I-90 sno-parks on most weekends there clearly is not the capacity to absorb the hundreds of vehicles that currently enjoy the Gold Creek Valley during the winter months. Based on the current lack of parking the determination of "no significant recreation impacts" is fundamentally wrong and needs further review.