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Comments: Dear Ranger Robinson,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the Gold Creek Valley Restoration Project Draft Environmental Assessment.

I am a xc skier. Western WA has very small xc ski parks compared to Eastern WA and the other western states. If Gold Creek was closed, that would force the HUGE amount of recreational weekend users to Cabin Creek, Crystal Springs, and Hyak Ski Parks. These areas are already over capacity on the weekends.

When I drive by Gold Creek on a weekend afternoon coming home from a ski park, I am always shocked to see the hundreds of cars lining the side of the road at Gold Creek. I do not want to see them at the already overcrowded ski parks already mentioned.

I am supportive of the Gold Creek Valley Restoration Project and the long term goal to improve fish and wildlife habitat and restore the hydrology of Gold Creek. However, Western WA is a huge urban metropolis with lots and lots of winter recreationists. How can we improve the Gold Creek fish and wildlife habitat and still keep some winter recreation at Gold Creek?