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Comments: This proposed ecological restoration work in Gold Creek has important value, but it seems that it hasn't addressed the already lacking snow parks along I-90 and the length of the closure involved. The proposed project needs to include a more substantive plan for offsetting the significant loss of Gold Creek Valley as a winter recreation access point. In particular, I recommend the Forest Service investigate the feasibility of the following additional solutions to help address the already difficult parking issues in the Snoqualmie Pass vicinity:

\*Allow winter recreationalists to continue to access F.S Road 4832-144 in the Gold Creek Valley, which is outside the project area and provides snowshoeing opportunities and backcountry skiing access

\*Allow recreationalists to access the upper Gold Creek Valley via trail 1314 by including clear signage and/or temporary trail markers as necessary to maintain closure of project area

\*Expand parking on Lake Mardee Road and pursue opportunities to acquire the adjacent private land, where snowshoers can access F.S road 9090 and provide additional snow play opportunities in the flat open area.

\*Work with WSDOT to allow parking on the north side of I-90 at Exit 62 to help absorb reduced parking at Gold Creek and add signage and trail connector for cross country skiers and snowshoers to access Cabin Creek and Mount Amabalis trail system.

I understand that the Gold Creek Sno-park (F.S 4832) will still be open with significantly reduced parking, even though the trail and pond and recreational area will be closed. It would be helpful for the closure map to direct users towards alternate recreation options in the area.

Thank-you for consideration of these concerns and possible mitigations.