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Comments: I am opposed to the for profit ski huts but I am all for the snowmobiles safety shelter!

There are many reason why I am opposed to the ski huts. As a snowmobiler I am opposed to them being placed on our groomed trails. (This of which is by fault of the Forest Service). The FS is the one who told these companies to place their huts on our groomed trail system. This would just be asking for conflict between to user groups. The skiers have access to ALL the wilderness areas, why not have them placed elsewhere. These huts (unlike the snowmobile clubs hut) would be solely for the profit of the individual. The huts would bring in excess traffic to our groomed trail system, however, would not add money to the funding of the grooming. Further more, these individuals don't even help maintain the road systems they want to use. Roads that need major pot hole repairs are taken care of by the snowmobile clubs yearly. Will these companies be required to help or pay to have repairs done? The road systems that these huts are proposed for have NO parking lots. All parking is on road. Where will all the extra vehicles go? Will the companies be insuring that their patrons are purchasing a motorized snow park permit? There has been nothing said in the proposal about waste management. The FS refuses to pump out the bathrooms at these locations for the snowmobile clubs, but they're willing to do it for the skiers. This doesn't seem fair. Will the companies be paying for the pumping of the outhouses, since they are a for profit company? My tax dollars should not be paying for them to get clean bathrooms.

In conclusion, I am completely against the "for profit" ski huts. As for the snowmobile safety shelter, I am 100% in agreement for that. They are a non profit organization. The shelters are built solely from volunteers (both time and money). The shelters are open to the public for all to use 24/7. (Per our other contracts with the FS, we are not allowed to rent them out, they have to be unlocked at all times, and no overnight camping is permitted). This shelter is great for all user groups and is accessible to all so that you can get warm safely on the hill.