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Comments: Hello, I support the proposed Gold Creek project, and concomitant wildlife benefits. However, I am concerned about the closure of the road for winter access. Winter recreation is increasingly popular, and the closure will place additional pressure on the few other remaining areas in the Pass - that are already overburdened. I suggest that the Forest Service and the State keep the trail open in the winter, and consider development of additional areas for winter recreation, including Exit 54, and Exit 62, with access to the Cabin Creek trail system.

I recommend reevaluation of the project with the participation of recreation groups as part of the cooperating agencies, and a focus on balancing wildlife and recreation.