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Comments: When I was 7 years old, I caught a 13" Dolly Varden at the confluence of the White River and Lake Wenatchee. Since then, personally connected, I've held these fish in high regard. I commend the efforts to keep, as we now call them, Bull Trout, at viable populations.

However, this plan, which includes the EXCLUSION of citizens from the heavily used Gold Creek Valley, upper end of Lake Keechelus, along with the already closed areas west of Road 4832, is one more insult to responsible use of our natural resources. One more barrier to personally experiencing our natural world, and one more excuse to maintain a "Never get off the couch!" sedentary lifestyle.

If you are going to fill in the pond, why don't you add dirt to the sides of the old US-10 causeway?

This is from the I-90/Exit 54, north side Lake Mardee Road, then east along the Gold Creek Road.

It wouldn't take that much to make at least 100 angle in parking spots to reduce the congestion at the other over-subscribed Sno-Park and commercial ski area parking lots? And reduce conflict with home owners in the area, too. I'd bet if you really wanted to get ahead of these well documented problems, you could add 400 spaces.

The North Side of X-54 is a really good place for non-motorized snow play', dogs, snow shoes, winter hiking, winter camping, and other activities that do not require a groomed cross country ski trail.

A Sno-Park/Discovery Pass automated Kiosk will be an easy revenue generator. Vault toilets and educational information will help reduce vandalism and improve proper behavior.

In the winter, you should know that the Sno-Park lots are vandalized by non-skiing motorists. The out-houses are often filled with trash--again non-skiers--and have become a defacto rest stop. Have you discussed any of this with WSDOT? Perhaps using the X-62 open space on the north side of I-90 would be a good spot for a 'mini-rest stop' to replace the former Price Creek rest stops?

You should also be aware of the open defecation that occurs here, too.

I grew up skiing at Snoqualmie Pass. My dad was on Ski Patrol at Hyak from 1966-80. So every Saturday, rain or shine, "we're going skiing!" In the early 1970's I started XC skiing and racing at the Cabin Creek Sno-Park with the Kongsberger Ski Club. Why are the XC trails at Cabin Creek the best in the region? Because working on them is a big part what we do. I've organized over 2,500 volunteer worker days-- both on ski trails--for skiers of all abilities-- and other environmental activities-- such as trash clean up and eradicating noxious and invasive weeds.

On May 18th, 2024, you'll find many motivated and responsible citizens cleaning up the various Sno-Park lots. At X63, we usually fill the USFS's 4-Horse trailer with bags of road trash. then somebody walks around the XC ski course and finds, maybe 3 GU-wrappers and a broken ski pole basket...

**\*\*Please consider joining us.**

If INCLUSION is important to you, please re-consider your intentions to EXCLUDE citizens from enjoying our natural world, while we can still allow the Bull Trout and other elements of a healthy ecosystem to flourish.

People with "Skin in the Game" are more likely to better take care of things.

Thank you.

Jim Slyfield.