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Comments: The proposals to close the Gold Creek Pond recreation area and snowpark area long-term is ludicrous and misguided. These areas are immediately adjacent to a major freeway and are the best place to accommodate human recreation opportunities, leaving more remote areas of NF land for wildlife habitat and migration corridors. Expecting massive uptake in wildlife habitat and movement right next to I-90 is ridiculous.

Likewise, the boat ramp road adjacent to the Hyak snowpark should be added to the XC-ski groomed trail system as a permanent fixture. The inability of patchwork land managers (State Parks, NF) to work together to maximize recreational use for non-motorized winter recreation is reprehensible. Again, this is right next to an existing groomed trail segment and also in close proximity to a state DOT yard with heavy operations happening in the winter. It is not a potential haven for winter wildlife activity. Grooming the boat ramp road will add terrain variety near the beginning section of the P2C trail, and would be beneficial for the anticipated move of the Outdoors for All operation once they lose access to their current location at Summit at Snoqualmie. Snoqualmie Nordic Club has done several events on the boat ramp road over the past decade with special/limited use permits, and it is a fantastic addition to the P2C at Hyak.