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Comments: As a regular backcountry ski user of Gold Creek Valley, I'm concerned about the upcoming closure of the Valley in the winter months. Existing winter recreation areas in the Snoqualmie Pass area do not have the ability to absorb the increased visitors that this closure would create. Particularly because this is one of the few places at Snoqualmie Pass that one does not need a groomed trails sno-park pass or a ski lift ticket to enjoy the snow. While I may be backcountry skiing, there are families playing in the snow, sledding, others snowshoeing. Please look into opening up other areas to provide winter access, or plowing existing lots in the Snoqualmie Pass area. Thank you.