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Comments: I frequently recreate in the Snoqualmie Pass area during all seasons and have seen how busy it has become. Especially crowded are the limited Sno-parks to access winter recreation sites that are relatively safe and easy for families and casual snowshoers. Gold Creek Pond is wildly popular and without it, other locations will it be able to absorb the people as is.

I strongly support the restoration work to be done there, but I believe something must also be done to mitigate the impacts to winter recreationalists and provide other nearby options, along with maps and signage to snow folks where to go.

The following options should be considered:

- Provide parking at the PCT North (Kendall Katwalk) parking lot to improve access to the Commonwealth Basin for snowshoeing and backcountry skiing
- Allow winter recreationalists to continue to access F.S Road 4832-144 in the Gold Creek Valley, which is outside the project area and provides snowshoeing opportunities and backcountry skiing access
- Allow recreationalists to access the upper Gold Creek Valley via trail 1314 by including clear signage and/or temporary trail markers as necessary to maintain closure of project area
- Expand parking on Lake Mardee Road and pursue opportunities to acquire the adjacent private land, where snowshoers can access F.S road 9090 and provide additional snow play opportunities in the flat open area.
- Work with WSDOT to allow parking on the north side of I-90 at Exit 62 and add signage and trail connector for cross country skiers and snowshoers to access Cabin Creek and Mount Amabalis trail system.