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Comments: I am writing regarding the proposed Frisco Nordic Center Iron Springs project, hut and SUP project. First, I believe these projects should be considered separately, as their impact is very different.

Re: the Iron springs trail project

While I am not necessarily opposed to the Frisco Nordic Center grooming trails in this area, I am only supportive if this does not require trail updates such as the nordic center has done on the Peninsula, where they must widen and flatten the trail for ease of winter grooming. This area is home to a trail system that is home to incredible wildflowers and wildlife. I do not want this area groomed in the winter if it requires removing trees or having the current dirt trails churned, flattened and widened for winter grooming purposes. The winter potential is not worth the damage to the trails for the remainder of the year.

Re: the hut

I am opposed to the hut proposed for the Frisco Peninsula for several reasons.

1. As a local, nearby resident, I can attest that this does not offer a backcountry experience, as the highways (both hwy 9 and Interstate 70) are audible from the proposed site, as well as nighttime snow guns from the FNC and music from the adventure park.
2. As a hiker, mountain biker and nordic skier who frequents the trails on the peninsula, I am also concerned with the impact of the proposed hut to the current trail system and user experience, both winter and summer -- before, during and after construction. The summer/fall trail experience on the peninsula has already been negatively impacted by trail construction for several years and then the tree thinning last summer. The Buzzsaw trail is popular in both summer and winter - though in winter it is one of the few trails where one is able to "get away" from the crowds. I believe the traffic in and out of the hut, as well as the presence of people at the hut, will dramatically change the trail user experience in all seasons.

It also seems like the hut would only add to the winter parking issues at the Frisco Nordic Center.

I am opposed to the hut construction on the Frisco Peninsula and believe it does not belong under the same review as the Iron Springs trail grooming proposal. It seems that the hut needs to go under a separate more thorough review.