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Comments: While protecting wildlife habitat is important, I ask the Forest Service to also carefully consider the public's continued ability to access and responsibly recreate in this area.

My extended family owns seven properties near Easton, off I-90 Exit 70. We regularly use the surrounding National Forest for snowmobiling, dirt biking, side-by-side riding, hiking, and other outdoor recreation. In particular, we frequently travel over Mount Amabilis from the Easton area toward the Cabin Creek Sno-Park.

Based on the proposed closure map, it appears that travel over Mount Amabilis may remain possible, but that access to the Cabin Creek Sno-Park could be blocked by the proposed closure area. Losing that connection would substantially affect our family's ability to reach and enjoy an important winter recreation destination.

Please evaluate whether the closure boundary, timing, or management approach can be adjusted to protect wildlife while preserving a practical, legal route between the Mount Amabilis area and Cabin Creek Sno-Park. If a full closure is necessary, please clearly identify alternate routes or access options for snowmobilers and other permitted recreational users.

Thank you for considering the needs of local property owners and the many members of the public who responsibly use this area. The proposal covers 4,888 acres near Cle Elum and is currently in the development stage, so this is a useful time to request a route-specific access analysis.