

May 18, 2009

Peter Forbes, District Ranger
Darrington Ranger District
Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest
1405 Emens Street
Darrington, WA 98241

RE: 2009 Road Maintenance and Repair Projects and other Miscellaneous Projects on the Darrington Ranger District

Dear Ranger Forbes:

We are pleased to see the Bedal Boat Launch Project on the list of upcoming projects on the Darrington Ranger District. Our organization has had an interest in this project for several years given the lack of a convenient river launch on this section of the Sauk Wild and Scenic River. While there is existing access at Bedal for overnight campers, there is no convenient access for day-use in this area.

In designing this project we would request that you consider how to provide an access that can be used by kayaks, rafts, and canoes and establish appropriate signage and site facilities that make it clear that the site is designed to provide river access for day users. The site needs to be designed in a manner that directs overnight campers to other areas so at least one area at Bedal can be reserved for day use.

Please keep us on the mailing list for this project and do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions or desire feedback on how to design the site to best meet user needs.

Sincerely,



Thomas O'Keefe, PhD
Pacific Northwest Stewardship Director