

NOTICE OF OBJECTION OPPORTUNITY
USDA Forest Service
Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest
King County, WA
Denny Creek Franklin Falls Trail and Trailhead Project

The Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest has completed the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Denny Creek Franklin Falls Trail and Trailhead Project. The project is now subject to a 45-day objection period prior to final decision. The Forest Service has prepared a Draft Decision Notice-Finding of No Significant Impact (DN-FONSI) for review. It describes the proposed decision to select Alternative 2 – Proposed Action, and provides rationale for it. Both documents are available on the Forest’s website at: <http://go.usa.gov/8sXA>. They are also available at the Snoqualmie Ranger District Office, 902 SE North Bend Way, Building 1, North Bend, WA 98045. District Ranger Martie Schramm is the Responsible Official for this project. The Selected Alternative (Alternative 2 – Proposed Action) would close two short sections of road to public vehicular use, expand parking, improve existing trails, and add new trails and trailhead amenities near the existing Denny Creek and Franklin Falls trails and trailheads. The project area is located in King County on the Snoqualmie Ranger District, adjacent to milepost 50 of Interstate 90. The project area is in the Denny Creek drainage within the South Fork Snoqualmie River watershed in T. 22 N., R. 11 E. Sec. 8, NW ¼ and Sec. 5, NW ¼ and SW ¼ W.M. The project is now subject to pre-decisional administrative review under 36 CFR 218 subpart B (objection process). During the objection period, only those individuals or organizations that submitted written comments during a designated opportunity for public participation on this project may file an objection (36 CFR 218.5). Objections must meet the requirements of 36 CFR 218.8(d). Objections may be mailed to: Regional Forester, Objection Reviewing Officer, Pacific Northwest Region, 1220 SW Third Avenue, P. O. Box 3623, Portland, OR 97204. Objections may be faxed to (503) 808-2339, sent electronically to: objections-pnw-regional-office@fs.fed.us, or hand delivered to the above address 7:45 am to 4:30 pm, Mon-Fri except holidays. Objections including attachments must be postmarked within 45 days of publication of this legal notice in the newspaper of record. That publication date is the exclusive means for calculating the time to file an objection. Electronic objections must be submitted in .doc, .rtf, .txt, or .pdf format, or as an e-mail message. Emails in other formats or containing viruses cannot be accepted. Emailed objections must include the project name in the subject line. It is the responsibility of the individual or organization to ensure their objection is received in a timely manner (36 CFR 218.9). Objections must be based on previously submitted, specific and timely written comments regarding the proposed project and attributed to the objector, unless the issue is based on new information that arose after the opportunities for comment. The burden is on the objector to demonstrate compliance with this requirement. An objection must include a description of the aspects of the proposed project addressed by the objection. More information on the objection process is in the Draft DN-FONSI. Objections received, including names and addresses of commenters, will be part of the Project Record and available for public review. For further information, contact project leader Rachel Lipsky at (425) 888-8750 or rslipsky@fs.fed.us.