Forest Service Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest Darrington Ranger District 1405 Emens Street Darrington, WA 98241 (360) 436-1155

File Code: 2720

Date: December 20, 2022

The Mountaineers Attn: Sara Ramsay 7700 Sand Point Way NE Seattle, WA 98115

Dear Sara Ramsay:

We have reviewed your proposal for outfitting and guiding on the Darrington Ranger District. The following request has been approved for January – June 2023.

- 200 Temporary Service Days
- Hiking, Mountaineering, Snowshoeing, and Backpacking
- *Goat Lake (Monte Cristo), Heather Lake (Mountain Loop), Lake 22, Monte Cristo, *Boulder River, Perry Creek, Independence Lake & North Lakes, Exfoliation Dome, *Glacier Peak, Heather Lake (Mountain Loop)
- No bolting in *wilderness:
 - Use established routes
 - Traditional climbing (place all gear required to protect against falls, and remove it when a pitch is complete)
 - o If possible, please remove any old/remnant rappel tatter
 - Wilderness Group sizes would at maximum be 12.
 - o Goat Lake Wilderness regulations apply:
 - Camping is prohibited within 200 feet, horizontal distance, from the shoreline of Goat Lake.
 - Using a fire or campfire, except for self-contained, carry-in devices such as stoves, is prohibited within 1/4 mile of Goat Lake.
- Suiattle River Trail #784 CLOSED during the 2023 operating season. Closure Order #06-05-22-12
- FS Road #4060 may be subject to closure for logging operations
- Exfoliation Dome: Peregrine, raptor & falcon closures may go into effect if nesting is observed. Climbing routes and the base of the nesting area will be closed.
- Waste and human waste must be packed out.
- Lake Twenty-Two: Camping and campfires are not permitted in this Natural Research Area.

I would like to emphasize that there are no assigned camping sites associated with this use and campsites are on a first-come, first-serve basis. These service days will not be permanently added to your Priority Use Permit, **MTB755**, at this time. Please include pertinent billing information for these trips in your actual use reporting. At the end of the season.

If you intend to conduct these activities next season, please submit a new application for temporary service days.

Lastly, if there are any questions, please contact Orlando Garcia, Special Uses Resource Assistant, for the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, via email at: orlando.garcia@usda.gov or phone at: 360-854-2663.

Sincerely,

For Christopher Stewart Acting District Ranger



