

# Appendix E

Potential User Conflict Level by Heli-skiing Unit and Alternative

Heli-skiing Unit	Alternative 1	Alternative 2	Alternative 3	Alternative 4	Alternative 5	Alternative 7
Glacier-Winner	None	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low
West Twentymile	None	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low
North Twentymile	None	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low
East Twentymile	None	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low
West Seattle Creek	None	Moderate	None	None	None	None
Mid Seattle Creek	None	Moderate	Low	None	Low	None
East Seattle Creek	None	Moderate	Low	None	None	None
Placer-Skookum	None	Moderate Low after March 31				
West Bench Peak	None	High	Moderate	Moderate	Low	Low
North Bench Peak	None	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low
East Bench Peak	None	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low
West Ptarmigan/ East Ptarmigan	None	Low	Low	None	Low	None
West Moose Crk/ East Moose Crk	None	Low	Low	None	Low	None
Snow River	None	Low	Low	None	Low	None
Mt. Ascension	None	Low	Low	None	Low	None

**How to use this rating system:**

- 1) Each proposed heli-skiing unit listed in the table starts with a high potential user conflict.
- 2) If the three items under part (A) don't fit the situation within the unit then look at the items listed under (B)
- 3) If one or more of those items fits the unit (i.e., lower number of non-motorized users using area) then the rating would be dropped to a Moderate rating.
- 4) If the items under (B) don't fit, look under Part (C). If any of these items fit better, the rating may be lowered further to a Low rating.
- 5) Look at Part D. These items contribute to a rating of no user conflicts (None)

**(A) Factors contributing to a high potential user conflict**

- Non-motorized users use the area consistently in relatively large numbers that increases the odds that some will see or hear a helicopter or cross paths with heli-skiers using the same slope or unit at the same time.
- Heli-skiing activities may occur any day of the week in the unit and is a core heli-skiing unit.
- The flight path from a heli-staging area to a heli-skiing unit crosses or follows the access route where non-motorized users are traveling to unit.

**(B) Factors which may **change a high potential user conflict to a moderate potential conflict****

- Lower numbers of non-motorized users in area lowering odds of seeing or hearing helicopter or interacting with heli-skiers on same slope at the same time.
- Timing restriction limiting heli-skiing use to Monday through Thursday or heli-skiing unit is an exploratory unit

**(C) Factors which may **change a high or moderate potential to a low potential****

- Very few non-motorized users in an area to chance seeing or hearing helicopter or interacting with heli-skiers on same slope
- Timing restriction exists limiting heli-skiing use to Monday through Thursday or heli-skiing unit is an exploratory unit
- Heli-skiing will not take place in unit but non-motorized users may still hear or see helicopter traveling to other units.

**(D) Factors which contribute to no user conflicts**

- Heli-skiing will not take place in unit.
- Non-motorized users will not see or hear helicopters on their way to unit.