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Seasonal closure of this area is not only a good idea to protect elk, deer, big horn sheep and other wildlife during the winter months, it's not recommended to be closed for a long enough time. It should be closed from the end of December to at least 1 April each year to minimize disturbance and harassment of wildlife during this annual period of environmental stress that comes with cold, snow and lack of good forage. This property was purchased by DFW in the 2007-2008 time frame to provide undisturbed winter habitat for these animals so that they would not migrate to private fields and pastures in Kitittas County where they were causing a lot of damage. Leave this area undisturbed by any motorized vehicles for at least four months each winter other wise there will be more wildlife problems in agricultural areas of Kitittas, Grant and Chelan Counties. They need a place to over winter and not be disturbed by humans and the Whiskey Dick and Colockum Areas are the best habitat for that. Jerry Gutzwiler