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I appreciate this opportunity to comment on the *Pack and Saddle Stock Outfitter-Guide Special Use Permit Issuance #3752*. After reviewing the proposed action and alternatives, I recommend that alternative 3 be selected with modifications. In summary, the selected alternative should adopt the following decisions in the ROD:

- Reduce party sizes from 18 head of stock to a maximum of 12 horses or mules. Only allow on a case-by-case basis for 18 head of stock for the resupply of outfitter basecamps if overall access impacts would be reduced;
- Retain existing rules that keep campsites away from streams and other sensitive areas including
 - MA158-21L Campsites should be located at least 200 feet slope distance from meadows, lakes, streams, and key interest areas. Camping may be restricted or prohibited in certain areas to protect wilderness values.
 - MA15B-21S Grazing, hitching, tethering, or hobbling recreation pack and saddle stock within 200 feet slope distance of the shoreline of any lake shall be prohibited.
- Maintain current forest plan standards for barren core areas at campsites. Recognize that barren core measurements should include areas where non-native plant species are established;
- Reduce allocated commercial use service days in 10-year term special use permits to only that which is necessary, which should be below the 10-year maximum of 1,500 service days.
- Along the corridors of the Pacific Crest and Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trails place a moratorium on any increase in the issuance of service days from the last 10-year average unless:
(a) supported by carrying capacity determinations as required by the National Trails System Act (16 USC 1244(e)(1)) and (b) adopted through a visitor use (commercial vs. non-commercial) allocation determination that is completed through a public involvement process.

A selected alternative with the above characteristics would provide for protecting the *wilderness character* of the Pasayten and the Lake Chelan-Sawtooth Wildernesses and the *nature and purposes* of the Pacific Crest and Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trails. In addition, commercial outfitter use would be appropriately provided as addressed in the Wilderness Act.

Thank you for considering these comments.

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