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Re: Research Study – Climate Research Project Mount Baker

Dear Dr. Town,

This letter is to authorize you to conduct research study and data collection on National Forest System Land, on the Mt. Baker Ranger District, Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, in the Mt. Baker National Recreation Area. Areas inside the Mt. Baker Wilderness area are not authorized.

This activity is categorically excluded from documentation in an Environmental Impact Statement or Environmental Assessment under Forest Service NEPA regulations contained in FSH 1909.15, Section 31.11, Category 3: *"Inventories, research activities, and studies, such as resource inventories and routine data collection when such actions are clearly limited in context and intensity."* No extraordinary circumstances exist which would affect the quality of the human environment.

I understand the students and trip leaders to deploy small temperature measurement devices along their ascent, leaving them there for one year gathering data.

I expect the research study to have a minimal impact on the environment, considering its small scale. As there are no adverse effects or impacts on the resources in your activities, a special use permit is not required. I respectfully request a copy of any publications or reports produced from the results of your study.

I recommend that you carry a copy of this letter. If you have comments or questions, please feel free to contact our Special Use Administrator, Sue Sherman-Biery at (360) 854-2660.

Sincerely,

ERIN ULOTH
District Ranger

