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Comments: The restoration of the Gold Creek Valley is distinctly the responsibility of the people. To ensure the ecological health of Gold Creek Valley and the interconnected environments, action must be taken to restore the damages and interruptions caused by infrastructure developments. Some may argue that society should allow nature to takes its course, that what is determined as "restoration" could lead to more harm. The reality is that humanities impacts on nature through industrial developments have already shifted the natural cycles of the environment, and the purposed restoration project of Gold Creek Valley has significant scientific evidence detailing how to return those cycles to an equilibrium. Attached is an article by Jim Evans, M.S in Plant Ecology who has 30 years of professional experience with multiple conservancies including The Nature Conservancy, Washington Native Plant Society, and National parks. The article highlights and Ecological Perspective on Gold Creek Valley. In conclusion, I highly recommend the Gold Creek Valley restoration project in the matter of returning the ecological health back to the environment.