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Comments: As a long time cabin owner in the Gold Creek Valley, since 1982, I have to strenuously object to this plan to spend money needlessly on a project to 'restore' Gold Creek Pond. Before the pond was created, Gold Creek dewatered naturally upstream thereby creating very limited if any habitat for the Bull Trout which this project has stated is its intention on benefiting.

There are multiple other lakes and streams that the Bull Trout habitat would benefit much more greatly than this absurd notion that restoring this pond and destroying such a wonderful location would give. Its proponents have very pointedly left out geographical facts of this valley, such as it is a gravel filled valley via natural glacial till that is in excess of the depth of the pond. Miners who prospected the valley long noted this fact whereas the possible precious metals - gold, silver, etc - would have in excess of one hundred feet of overburden and therefore unobtainable for them. That, by its very nature, allows for water to flow subterraneously which residents of the valley have long been aware of. This is the natural dewatering of the creek, with the culmination of global warming which has resulted in a lower snow pack, there is zero evidence the goals of this 'restoration' would be achieved.

Please for the sake of logic itself, do not allow this to occur as it would be a tragedy of incredible proportion, a waste of funds that is sorely needed elsewhere, and in the end, a waste of time.