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Comments: I support ecosystem restoration work in the Gold Creek Valley, and urge the Forest Service to be bold in selecting restoration actions. The scale of disturbance in the valley is very, very large, and large-scale restoration actions are required to set the ecosystem on a path to recovery. Restoration actions should prioritize the recovery of federally-threatened bull trout, of course, but should also demonstrate how ecosystem processes will be allowed to recover. These processes include valley hydrology, recruitment and movement of large wood in the stream, sediment transport and deposition, riparian and upland forest health, and animal migration. I look forward to seeing a preferred alternative that addresses multiple facets of ecosystem health, and proposes large-scale restoration work. The resulting proposal may be expensive, but the cost of inaction is unacceptable.