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Comments: I wholeheartedly support the restoration of the Gold Creek Valley. I have been dismayed and angered at the ridiculous and forceful misinformation that has been spread by Robert Mecklenberg. He is NOT an authority on this subject, and he does NOT represent the opinions of all residents. He is just the loudest mouth in the room, so to speak, and possesses the unfortunate ability to overwhelm people who do not agree with him.

As a resident of Cle Elum, I would like to see the pond reverted back to a shallow-wetland complex. Gold Creek should also be restored, ideally using some form of Stage 0 restoration techniques to try to get the creek (and thus, valley) back to its historic functionality.

Wetlands and riparian areas support a much greater diversity of wildlife than do ponds - especially old gravel pits like the Gold Creek "pond". This is what I think would be best for the health of the habitat.