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Comments: I have followed this project with a great deal of dismay. I have read the reports and I find that I cannot support the premise that filling Gold Creek Pond would rewater Gold Creek and thus help the Bull Trout population. It is historic fact that the creek dewatered before the pond was dug.

The pond is used by all manner of wildlife. I have seen elk, deer, cougar, heron, eagle, owl, hawks, beaver, water fowl enjoy the pond.

Beyond the enjoyment by all animals including the 2 legged kind, Gold Creek Pond and Heli's Pond both provide a critical resource for fighting the ever increasing threat of wildfires. Without these ponds I fear I will not only lose my cabin but more importantly the forest and animals that I hold dear.

And then there is the cost. In this time of pandemic with people dying worldwide and huge amounts of money needed to curb the virus, treat the ill, bury the dead but also try to reboot the economy, this is money that cannot be afforded by our government. It is irresponsible.

I support trying to do what needs to be done to try and save the existing cabins but beyond that nothing should be done.

Thank you.