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Comments: Thank-you for the opportunity to comment on the proposals for doing restoration and reclamation on Gold Creek Pond. First I want to emphasize, the need for this site to be respected as an existing heavily used picnic site and family gathering area. Easily accessed for all ages and capabilities aged from newborns to me witnessing a family celebrating a members 95 year old birthday party held there last summer.

I favor Option # C as this is a river plain anyways and diverting the river from it's current path is not really a huge disruption anyways. Why I favor this option is this supports the active Beaver population and having ponds would allow them to survive while hopefully not being able to dam the active Gold creek stream bed. Having two smaller ponds would also allow Bull Trout a place to rest going upstream. This option also allows for wildlife viewing, great scenery and options for visitors to relax and enjoy the outdoors in a more natural setting than the flooded old gravel pit. Most importantly is NOT reducing the parking opportunities. On a sunny warm summer day the parking lots is overfilled, but on a rainy cloudy day there is still 20 plus cars, some from picnickers but also a lot of hikers heading up valley. The existing parking lot should not be reduced at all and if anything overflow parking should be considered to accommodate the up Valley hikers.

Again Thank-you for letting me voice my opinion but PLEASE consider Option C. I hope there is funding to do this project it will only enhance the already heavily used I-90 corridor.