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Comments: To Whom it may concern. Thank you for allowing citizens to review and comment on this project. I hope I am not too late. I have thoroughly reviewed all the design details, special reports, graphs and any other supplemental information I could find to make my mind up on this project. I usually would not question any projects governing the support to save endangered species of our natural world, however i feel that the science provided thus far to help save bull trout does not add up. My decision on this matter has weighed heavy on my mind for some time, but i feel that i cannot support this project. I do not feel that the de-watering in gold creek would be solved by filling in the Gold creek pond to raise up the water table. I have not heard convincing data that proves this out, and for the vast amount of funding that would be required to do this project, i feel that we could do less expensive options to start. This project talks about damage done by humans over the years, but what about the huge impact this project entails? Nature has an amazing way of rebounding. Despite the man made origins of the pond due to highway construction years ago, Gold creek pond has become part of our natural surroundings that support new flora and fauna. I feel saddened to think of what further impacts of filling the pond will do again to this area that we don't yet realize. The science that speaks to me the most is the effects of climate change. All the models I have seen show a bleak picture of further drying effects of less snow pack year over year. I would like to support efforts to help slow or redirect gold creek itself which includes planting more trees to build up shady areas which provides better habitat for trout while inhibit evaporation rates. This science makes sense to me. Thank you, that's all for now.