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Subject: Gold Creek Valley Restoration Project, Scoping Comments

Greetings Patty Garvey-Darda

I have reviewed the information regarding the Gold Creek Valley Restoration, and would like to make comments regarding this important issue

I have had experience with Gold Pond area, as most all of us area residents have, to include walking, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, and trail maintenance over the last 25 years. This valley is a valuable 'close-in' high class recreational area

As a Family Physician with many patients with disabilities and/or chronic disease that limit their activity, I am aware of how uniquely beneficial the Gold Creek Pond area is for this group of individuals. Not only is it a beautiful location, but it is easily reached by automobile and group transportation via I-90 Interstate, and then via a short easily driven smaller road

Also recently I've led two trail cleaning events with older volunteers (the Snoqualmie Valley Trail Club) in association with the USFS North Bend District and have been impressed with the variety of people in the picnic area and on the trail, particularly families. We all want further involvement of all people in the enjoyment of nature and the mountains

Please keep me on your list of individuals to be informed on details of this project

Thank you