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Comments: Wheelchair users are excluded from the vast majority of public lands. Gold Creek Pond and the accessible 1 mile loop are a notable and for our family a critical exception. This accessible space and trail gives access to spectacular views of Kendall Peak, Red Mountain and Commonwealth Basin in addition to the creek and pond. The many wildflowers and plants that are next to the trail (including trilliums, paintbrush to name a few favorites). We volunteered with a WTA trail crew several years ago, before an accident left one of us wheelchair dependent. Only a few short trails in the Interstate 90 corridor are accessible and they are quite short and none with the views and flowers of the Gold Creek pond loop. To remove this access to federal lands for wheelchair users and others with mobility issues goes against the Americans with Disabilities Act and denies us access to these beloved areas. Please do not deny access to people with disabilities for the years that it would take for this project, it is heartbreaking and cruel to take away this resource from people who already have so little.