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Comments: This restoration effort seems well warranted, but I believe winter recreation impacts should be considered in this process. It seems there should be a way to allow at least non-motorized access to the Gold Creek area, maybe not the pond, but at least up by the cabins with access to Rampart Ridge. This is a great area for backcountry skiing in the winter, and should be allowed to have access during the restoration. Additionally, more parking should be made available at the pass during this restoration, which could be easily address by providing parking at the PCT North (Kendall Katwalk) parking lot to improve access to the Commonwealth Basin for snowshoeing and backcountry skiing.

The plowing of the PCT North parking area should also be considered for safety reasons to eliminate people walking under I-90 to access that area.

Thank you for your consideration.

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