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Comments: I am writing to express my concerns about the Forest Service's plan to restore habitat in Gold Creek Valley and the potential impact on paragliding and hang gliding access. As a pilot who frequently flies in this area and has done so over the last decade, I urge you to consider the following:

Alternative Route: Please establish an alternative route into and out of Gold Creek Valley that bypasses the construction zone. This will ensure that pilots who land unintentionally in the valley can return to the road without trespassing.

Helicopter Use: If possible, eliminate helicopter use entirely during the restoration project. If helicopters are necessary, limit their operation to specific morning hours prior to 11am and clearly communicate these times to the public as the jets do by posting the information publicly. This will help to minimize disruptions to paragliding and hang gliding activities.

I understand the importance of habitat restoration, but I believe it is possible to achieve this goal while still allowing for safe and responsible public access.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Mr. H