

Data Submitted (UTC 11): 4/30/2024 6:37:48 PM

First name: Karen

Last name: Phillips

Organization:

Title:

Comments: Dear USFS,

I highly support the Gold Creek Valley Restoration Project. This project will abate the long-term unraveling of the aquatic functions in the Gold Creek Valley largely based on illegal human activity. This project will repair the aquatic processes and restore complex wetland and riparian habitats that would have existed historically. Wildlife and fish species, like bull trout, depend on these critical headwaters in the Cascades.

Science and research show that recreation can be detrimental to wildlife use in an area. In important wildlife corridors like Gold Creek, we need to ensure that human recreation is carefully managed. Millions of tax dollars have been invested to create permeability for wildlife north and south under the I-90 freeway.

Thank you, in advance, for your due diligence regarding this important matter.

Karen Phillips