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Comments: To Whom it May Concern: I support the Gold Creek Valley restoration project for wildlife habitat connectivity and restoration. Here are some of the reasons: Over the years, this high-elevation area has invested heavily in wildlife and habitat connectivity. Restoring the habitat functions and processes in this valley makes meaningful efforts to repair and mitigate past management activities that negatively impact the ecosystem.

Restoring large wood, with intact root wads if possible, to add complexity to the stream will help recover habitat for fish and wildlife and create climate-resilient refugia for bull trout.

Partially filling the pond will restore the hydrologic and natural groundwater processes impacted over 50 years ago when the gravel pit was used to serve the I-90 freeway. Restoration is needed to address the creek's dewatering and to restore wetland processes that fish and wildlife at Snoqualmie Pass depend upon.

Thank you!

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