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Comments: 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.

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.

While the boat launch is important to the public, driving illegally into the reservoir and damaging sensitive fish populations and stream habitats is not allowed and illegal activity needs to stop. The public can still access these areas for recreation, with a little extra effort to walk to these recreational opportunities on foot.

I support moving this project forward and want to thank the US Forest Service for your efforts.