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Comments: Although not a resident of the state of Washington, I fully support the Gold Creek Valley Restoration Project. I have visited Snoqualmie Pass a couple of times to observe progress on the I-90 project and have walked the Gold Creek drainage while working on a book on wildlife connectivity. I plan on returning soon for an update on the project. So much effort and investment has gone into improving aquatic connectivity with the Gold Creek underpass of I-90, we now need to complete the effort with restoration of the complex wetland and riparian habitat to fully repair the aquatic processes of the Gold Creek Valley. Restoring large trees along the stream will provide necessary shade in a warming climate. Partially filling the pond should divert more water to the stream and help restore wetlands. Upon completion of the project, public access needs to be managed to minimize visitor impact to the valley and reservoir.

This is an exciting project for the benefit of wildlife and people. I look forward to witnessing restoration of the watershed and appreciate the opportunity to comment.

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