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Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the The Gold Creek Valley Restoration Project, which I am in favor of. It is the next logical step in repairing past ecological harm caused by a legacy of old-growth logging, gravel pits that helped develop I-90 and human alteration of the ecosystem.

This is an area of immense value to many populations of wild animals and because of it's proximity to Seattle and I-90 it is also an area that has suffered great ecological degradation over the past 200n years. Much time and money has been spent on repairing this damage the this is the next logical step. Millions of tax dollars have been invested to create permeability for wildlife north and south under the I-90 freeway. In important wildlife corridors like Gold Creek, we need to ensure that human recreation is carefully managed.

Restoring the stream and partially filling the pond will pond will restore the hydrologic and natural groundwater processes that have been interrupted by human impacts. Limiting human access and impact will help the recovery. There are many recreational areas nearby that could fill some of the gap caused by this, if the public knew about them.

I am fully in support of this project. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.