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Comments: I don't so much care about the removal of Gold Creek Pond, but the closing of the access to Lake Keechelus is extremely frustrating, there is no reason to completely restrict vehicle access to the lake. It is understandable you don't want people driving around the Gold Creek portion of the lake bed, but there are other ways to stop vehicles from driving down onto the lake bed. A much cheaper solution would have been to put in some eco-blocks at the bottom of the boat launch and other access points off of the parking lot. Maybe enforce fines for those who go 4x4 down there make an effort to stop that problem.

I don't see what the problem is with people driving out on the west side of the gravel spit/boat launch. There is no active creek or streams on that side that are accessible once the lake drops. Once the sandy section of lake dries people are forced to venture further out on to that side of the lake find access to water that isn't a complete mud pit.

The USFS could do a few things better to make the lake a more user friendly place. Maybe start by extending the gravel launch and extending the opportunity to use the lake and ability to launch a watercraft device. The lake is an ever changing landscape, as it lowers more unique sections appear, and a lot of these spot are only accessible by watercraft.

Revamp the spit and make it a more user friendly places for people to enjoy the water. Create some more beach access. Haul in some sand and create some beach like areas for people to enjoy. This might stop people from driving all over the place looking water to hang out at.

Closing off access to the lake once the water level hits 2,480 is complete B.S. You can do a better job of figuring out how to stop people from driving on the lake bed than just closing off the access to it.

What you have done has single handled pissed off every single resident of Snoqualmie Pass. I hope you figure out a better solution to saving the Bull Trout then to completely close off access to Lake Keechelus and the communities recreational ability to enjoy it.

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