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Comments: While I applaud the efforts to return the Gold Creek valley to a more natural habitat, I have significant concerns about the closures affecting the Gold Creek Trail. It seems unfathomable that trail access cannot be maintained during the construction process. Closing this trail during summer will limit access to Joe and Alaska Lakes, the PCT and the rest of the Gold Creek valley.

Closing this area during winter is even more baffling as the entirety of the construction area will be covered by over 6 feet of snow. I'm sure all construction machinery will be removed prior to winter. So what will people be at risk of snowshoeing on top of? A pile of fill dirt? Rocks?

Please take all necessary actions to deploy signs and fence off the active area of the construction area and let us continue to access this recreational area. Closing the trail to foot traffic is poor management of our recreational lands.