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Comments: The Gold Creek Valley Restoration project upon initial review appears to be well thought out, however, the impact of closing this public recreation area for 10 years will have a serious impact on other trailheads and the surrounding communities. It's also quite unfortunate that one of the only ADA accessible trails in the area will be closed for the next 10 years. I'm not claiming to be a scientist, ecologist or biologist, but whether Gold Creek Pond remains a pond, or is filled in and converted to wetlands, this planned restoration project is going to greatly affect and spread out the amount of recreation to already overcrowded areas and private lands. Parking is already a nightmare on Lake Mardee Road, and the closure of Lake Keechelus will exponentially add to the issues mentioned above. The Lake Keechelus closure could be avoided by restricting access to the East Side of the parking area/boat launches while still allowing recreational users to go to the lake and use the Western side of the paved area.

Thank you for taking the time to read this and even more so for working to help bring back the Bull Trout and migration of the local animals in the area. The current plan is well thought in the regard to the fish, animals and their habitat, but would be extremely beneficial to go back for review to include consideration of how closing down all these areas will impact other areas and cause even more stress and problems in other critical areas.