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Comments: I am writing to express my concerns regarding the USDA's proposed project to refill Gold Creek Pond in Washington State, with the stated aim of protecting bull trout. While I fully support the conservation of threatened species like the bull trout, I believe the impacts of this plan have not been fully assessed."

Gold Creek Pond is a popular recreational destination cherished by many for its scenic beauty and accessible location. Any significant alteration to this area should be discussed transparently with the public, as local communities and visitors alike will be directly affected. However, to date, I am unaware of any clear or quantified study on the potential environmental, ecological, or social impacts of refilling the pond, nor a detailed assessment of alternative solutions.