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Comments: While the Gold Creek Valley Restoration Project aims to restore the local ecosystem, there are several concerns about its impact on the community and environment.

First, the project would close large sections of public land for up to 10 years, limiting recreational access to an area enjoyed by many. This could negatively affect local tourism and the community's economy, which relies on visitors.

Second, while the restoration efforts, such as filling gravel pits and installing logjams, might benefit the environment, they could disrupt existing wildlife and water systems in unpredictable ways. Altering natural water flows and adding artificial structures might have long-term consequences that aren't fully understood yet.

Lastly, the construction activities, such as closing roads and restricting access to Keechelus Lake, could cause inconvenience to local residents and frequent visitors. It's important to explore alternative restoration methods that balance environmental recovery with maintaining public access and minimizing disruption to the local community.