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Comments: When I first heard of the idea that Camp Hale has a chance to be restored, I thought it was a no-brainer to support such a great idea. Colorado is full of unbelievable history that we locals are strongly proud to stand by and represent. With the coming of World War II, certain actions had to take place and we all understand the placing of the 10th Mountain Division in the 1940's. I am not saying that that was a wrong idea to put the soldier training here in these Colorado Rockies, but that we can now go back and clean up some of what was there. Now with the availability of new technologies and scientific advances, it only makes sense to use them, so why not at the Camp Hale we know now? Is it so looked down upon that we can't come together and pick up some of what is there now?

Being an avid outdoors man with fishing and hunting in this great state, I would love to see all the best that Colorado has to offer from an environmental aspect. Not to mention the fact that many people living outside Colorado think of this state as one of great mountains, clear streams, and fantastic wildlife opportunities. Thus it should be a top consideration in restoring the 350 acres of wetland that Camp Hale holds. People will not lose what Camp Hale already offers, but it opens up something greater... a glimpse at what Camp Hale used to be. A place where fish prospered, deer ran without worry, and wildlife enthusiasts flocked, etc.

Personally, I believe that the restoration project will change the environment for the good and the environment itself will see improvements almost immediately. Even though the Army Corps destroyed much of what they had there originally once they left, there are still buildings that remain there that carry historical significance. Let's let Camp Hale be a place of environmental awe and historical glory.

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