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As a homeowner on Sweetwater Road it is beyond belief anyone familiar with the area would think Sweetwater Lake should become a State Park. That's the major problem. Governor Polis and other administrators have no clue of the many obstacles.

There is no cell phone service and it's unlikely Verizon is willing or able to bring service to the area. When a tourist gets into trouble or lost they have to walk to a house and ask to use a landline, dangerous and unacceptable to homeowners. Currently, neighbors are still using walkie talkies to communicate.

Sweetwater Lake is in Garfield County but you can only gain access on a dirt road through Eagle County. Often it is unclear which county is responsible when police or fire service is needed. Who fixes Sweetwater Road during mudslides and winter blizzards? There is only one road in and out. The fire in Maui was a devastating example of humans unable to escape. Sweetwater has had both mudslides and fire evacuations in recent years.

The dirt road is narrow and can not accommodate heavy "State

Park" traffic. Twice a year for several days road crews fix potholes, washboards and spray magchloride. Tourists will not be happy when their cars are sprayed with chemicals and dirt. Cattle often are on the road and cause delays, deer and wild turkey can cause accidents as well.

Ideally, Sweetwater Lake should be a day destination to view and enjoy the wilderness, horseback rides, fishing and hiking. PLEASE no additional camp sites!! A small restaurant could accommodate day trippers as a meeting place for those of us that miss a community meeting spot.

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