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September 23, 2026 | Via CARA | Project No. 284162

Supplemental DEIS comment: pending CPW records on Sweetwater Road impassability

To: Brian Glaspell, Forest Supervisor, White River National Forest

Re: Sweetwater Lake Recreation Management and Development Project and proposed MA 8.22 amendment

Dear Supervisor Glaspell:

I submit this comment in my individual capacity, supplementing my earlier comments on emergency access and the August 30 road blockage. Exhibit 1 is my September 18, 2026, Colorado Open Records Act (CORA) request to Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) and CPW's September 21 acknowledgment. CPW said it expected a response by September 24, after the DEIS comment deadline. The attached correspondence does not establish that responsive records exist or that they do not.

The request is targeted to the CPW Area Wildlife Manager, Region Manager, and Sweetwater NEPA project lead/liaison, for records from July 23, 2024, through September 18, 2026. It seeks written evaluations of whether wildfire, flooding, landslide, or other emergencies could make Sweetwater Road/County Road 150 impassable, and written reviews or notes concerning the 2023 Houck report, including drafts. Any answer of "no responsive records" would be limited by that request's custodians, dates, and search scope; it would not establish that the Forest Service or every CPW office lacks an analysis.

Specific issues for the Draft EIS and the proposed amendment

The route's potential impassability bears directly on DEIS sections 3.8 and 3.10, visitor traffic, resident evacuation, and emergency responder access under each alternative. Please identify the actual route-closure and evacuation analyses, assumptions, and consultations supporting the proposed development and 20-year permit. If the analysis does not exist, state that clearly and explain how the Forest Service can evaluate increased visitation and access risk before deciding. The proposed forestwide MA 8.22 direction also raises whether safe access and emergency response are enforceable prerequisites when a state or local government manages developed recreation. Identify the relevant plan text and analysis.

Record request and follow-through

Place this comment and Exhibit 1 in the project record and address the substantive access issue in the final EIS. When CPW responds, I intend to submit its response and any pertinent records with their production date, page citations, and connection to this comment. Please identify the project contact and accepted method for those submissions after CARA closes, acknowledge receipt, and consider the material before a decision. If later information materially changes the analysis, disclose and address it, provide further public review as warranted, and do not rely on a later operating plan to resolve a material predecision safety gap.

Sincerely,

Kenneth A. Wright III

Individual commenter

Exhibit 1: CPW CORA request of September 18 and acknowledgment of September 21, 2026 (two source pages; packet pp. 3-4).

EXHIBIT 1

CPW CORA correspondence
Sweetwater Road safety, egress, and disaster analysis

September 18, 2026: Kenneth Wright's narrowly scoped records request
September 21, 2026: CPW's acknowledgment and expected September 24 response

The two pages supplied by the commenter follow in their original order.

Re: CORA REQUEST - Safety, Egress, and Disaster Analysis / Sweetwater Lake State Park

From CORA - DNR, DNR_CPW <dnr_cpw.cora@state.co.us>

Date Mon 9/21/2026 8:49 AM

To Ken Wright <k13w@hotmail.com>

Hello Ken,

I have reached out to the appropriate staff regarding your request and expect to have a response by 9/24/26. Please let me know if you have any questions in the meantime, thank you.

Jason Isenhardt - CORA Manager - 720.660.4484

Samantha Peoples - CORA Records Assistant - 720-762-3890

On Fri, Sep 18, 2026 at 10:58 PM Ken Wright <k13w@hotmail.com> wrote:

Dear CPW CORA Custodian,

Under the Colorado Open Records Act (CORA), I am submitting a new, distinct request for electronic copies of records. To ensure this request can be completely resolved within CPW's **one free hour of research and retrieval**, I am strictly limiting the search parameters as follows:

1. Targeted Custodians: Please limit this search exclusively to the files, emails, and local drives of the **CPW Area Wildlife Manager** responsible for Sweetwater Lake, the **Region Manager**, and the **CPW project lead/liaison** assigned to the Sweetwater Lake State Park NEPA scoping process.

2. Date Range: July 23, 2024, through the date of this request.

3. Specific Subject Matter:

- Any memorandum, report, study, risk assessment, or written evaluation—**regardless of authorship (CPW or third-party) and regardless of finality status (including marked drafts or working internal notes)**—concerning whether wildfire, flooding, landslide, or other emergencies could render Sweetwater Road / County Road 150 impassable.
- Any written evaluations, staff notes, or reviews of the 2023 Houck report possessed by these specific custodians, **expressly including preliminary versions and working drafts**.

Scope Clarification:

This request is intentionally narrow in custodians but comprehensive in document types. It is designed to capture any third-party reports, consultant data, or unsubmitted drafts touching on these safety hazards that sit directly in the project leads' files, without requiring an agency-wide IT sweep.

If these specific project custodians maintain that absolutely no records—whether draft or final, internal or external, CPW-authored or third-party authored—exist in their possession regarding these Sweetwater Road hazards, please explicitly state "No such records exist in the possession of the project custodians" in your statutory response.

Thank you,

Ken Wright