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Comments: As a lifetime resident of western Colorado I have some comments on your proposal. You may have more people going to Blue lakes than you think should. But to include mount Sneffels and yankee boy basin in your proposal is stupid. People that climb mount Sneffels shouldn't be required to get a permit to do so. If someone has to get a permit to climb mount Sneffels, and they only have one day to do it, and the day turns out to be one filled with lightning all around, they may make the wrong choices. They may go for it anyway, because it may be their only opportunity, as getting another permit might be too difficult. If these climbers get hit by lightning due to having to get another permit being non practical or impossible, then you'd have blood on your hands. When climbers are climbing mountains such as mount Sneffels they should be free to make and choose what choices they feel will give them their best option of completing the climb safely. I've never seen anyone camp on Sneffels or the peaks around it, and if they do, there are very few who do. I think lumping blue lakes, yankee boy basin, and mount Sneffels together on a permit system is a bad idea. it should be scrapped. Blue lakes, yankee boy basin, and mount Sneffels are not connected, and they shouldn't be lumped into a permit system. This is a bad idea.