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Comments: Hello,

Thank you for all the effort on this absolutely necessary measure to protect the Blue Lakes area.

Moving the seasonal permit start date to June 1 was an excellent improvement.

Unfortunately I feel I must object to restricting access to all wilderness that can be approached from the Blue Lakes trailhead, by the inclusion of non-impacted watersheds within the wilderness zone, with the permit system.

The reason this area is subject to a management plan is the high volume of visitation to Blue Lakes and, to a lesser degree, beyond to Sneffels' south col, in and along established trails and campsites, and associated impacts of such traffic.

The inclusion of the upper drainages to the northwest (S4-S5-S6-Wolcott) and west (Dallas-T0-S3-S5-S4), as well as the west face of Sneffels immediately north of the Blue Lakes watershed, seems both arbitrary and superfluous. Needlessly restricting areas that see few visitors and little or no impacts also creates a much larger management surface that will strain permit monitoring and enforcement efforts.

Rather than restricting access to the entirety of wilderness that may be reached from the Blue Lakes trailhead, I would strongly prefer to see a more sensible and manageable permit zone, designated by a buffer around the East Fork of Dallas Creek, Blue Lakes, and any areas that need to be controlled for camping in their vicinity, in conjunction with common-sense enforcement for traffic along the approach corridor.

Attached is a map highlighting (generously in order to include the entire watercourse) the area within wilderness boundaries that actually sees visitors.

Respectfully,  
Mike Davis