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Comments: As a long time prior resident of Eagle County of some 30 years from 1970 until 2000, my family and friends from the community enjoyed the small family oriented Sweet Water Lake Resort managed by Adrian Brink, who rented out cabins, row boats, and ran the Cafe (named after a Chicago Gangster who hid out up Sweetwater in the 1920's),with it's iconic balcony adorned with flower baskets, and humming bird feeders, feeding hundreds of humming birds every day, with a view of the lake and the cliffs on the other side . Adrian Brink also ran pack horse trips up on the Flat Tops, and Hunting Camp for hunters. This was one of the most wonderful places to go in season ! Small, kind, not expensive, just friendly and close to this pristine area up close to the Flat Tops, with a feeling of what the Old West once was like. It hosted Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Four H Club's, retired folk's clubs, residents of Sweet Water Valley . It gave summer jobs to many young folks over the years, as well as Cow Boy jobs for wranglers, and Pack Horse leaders, and camp cooks. Cooks and servers for the restaurant, and cleaners for the lodging. The property was sold and leased dozens of times as speculators bought and sold it, but Adrian hung on leasing it, and managing it well ! Please Please can't we keep it like it was! It is too small for more than 10 or so camp sites which were rented from the Forest Service in the past on the east side of the lake. Adrian's cabins were condemned as not up to modern standards, but they were sweet!, Clean, and cozy! I escaped there in later years to paint. I realize that this area is way too small for it not to be set up for a small number of reservations for camp sites a year. Is there any way to run it like it was before when it was a Godsend to the community of both, Eagle County, and Garfield County. To make it into a State Park will bring so many folks there, and I wonder who can actually care for the health of the lake and area as well as Adrian and her crew did? There are so few places left that local folks can easily escape to for rest and relaxation without paying for a reservation way in advance?