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Comments: I wish the general public could see recordings of some of the meetings that took place with USFS, CPW and EVLT after the announcement of Colorado's 43rd State Park took place by the Governor. (on the cliff that was immediately shutdown and after the entourage enjoyed pie in the historic restaurant that was also immediately locked up by USFS for being unsafe) Note: the community did request recording the meetings, but CDR (third party hired by CPW to run the meetings said that recording was not an option) It is a bit ironic that during the announcement on 10/20/2021 that Dan Gibbs spoke about the historical significance of the area--including the cabins and previous owners, but the USFS has brought up issues with the Colorado History on "any historical significance" of the facilities. (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J4B6vCc8wXA)--notice: at 16 minutes members of the local community were mentioned as helping to lead local efforts---unfortunately, those locals were never told of a plan for a state park or state managed and developed area.

I do believe that something truly special can be accomplished that aligns with some of the things that the Governor spoke about while truly keeping visitation sustainable. Unfortunately, this plan does not do that and the approach by USFS, CPW and EVLT with the community only created more distrust that already existed from the announcement and the feeling of "Bait and Switch" from EVLT and USFS to the public. Visions of a Budges or Trappers Lake type of location existed throughout the campaign before the announcement.---places available to the public, but not over hyped to a point of destruction and not a state reservation type of managed location.