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Comments: As a resident of the Meadow Creek area, on most weekends I come across a multitude of disturbances, from noise pollution to transportation. I love living in the Colorado high country forest region, and I would love to see it flourish to it's full potential. However, unless if several steps are made, I fear the Meadow Creek area will struggle to receive the respect it deserves.
First and foremost, the main obstacle of living in this area is the traffic it receives on the weekends. Not necessarily the multitude, but rather careless driving habits. These include speeding, parking vehicles on the shoulder of roads (or in some rare occurrences in the middle of the road), or witnessing pedestrians, children, and pets in the middle of the road. I believe that a lot of this is due to most tourists being unaware of how attractive of a landmark the meadow creek area actually is. During the weekends, roads like County Road 84 facilitate much more traffic flow than what most people would expect. I believe this can be solved by creating more awareness. Acts like posting more speed limit signs, more "Share the Road" warnings, and clearly posted designated parking areas could have an effect on limiting the amount of potential traffic incidents.
Secondly, I believe that the camping in this area should be organized a bit more thoroughly than it is. It's not to rare to find the same RV parked in a camping area for weeks at a time during the summer season. Camping too close to the rivers can cause depleted water quality due to littering. I believe the best course of action is to assign designated camping areas. These would be organized areas far enough away from residential areas to facilitate healthier camping trends. For example, fire bans, if posted in these areas, could reach out to more of the residents camping in the Meadow Creek area, along with safe camping trends and "leave no trace" reminders to limit littering. I've seen good examples of this posted on signs in the campgrounds dispersed among the Frasier River trail.
Also, another trend that I've seen during the summer season here is the unauthorized use of firearms in public parking lots. As the code of federal regulations states, you must be 150 yards away from any residence, building, campsite, developed recreational area, or occupied area. I have witnessed shooting from the snowmobile parking lot off the shoulder of CR 84 multiple times, almost every weekend in some cases. I believe that the best case of action would be to post awareness of regulations in this area and other target areas throughout the meadow creek area, and also to create awareness that there is a target shooting range in the Kremling/Hot Sulfur Springs area.
Finally, the last issue I'd like to address is the amount of Christmas tree cutting that happens in the winter season. Normally I would encourage this, as it limits the population of trees and prevents overgrowth. However, in wake of the pine beetle infestation, I believe that the real concern is keeping the tree population healthier. When people are encouraged to cut Christmas trees, not only are they further depleting an already heavily diminished supply, but it also encourages selective cutting, or high-grading, which can reduce the quality of the forrest even further. However, It's irrational to prohibit Christmas tree cutting. There could be a solution to this perhaps, by implementing an annual structure built for regrowth of trees. Perhaps a five year relief period every so often could be assigned so that the tree population could replenish.
I believe that if some of these organization based measurements were taken, the meadow creek area of the Arapaho national forrest could greatly boost it's ecosystem, increase water and habitat quality, and be a better domain for both tourists and residents like myself. Thank you for giving me an output to express myself on this matter, and any efforts given to increasing the area here forth.
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