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Comments: 1. The USFS needs to put a permit system in place for Blue Lakes and Ice/Island Lakes area. The areas are being loved to death because so many are visiting them in the peak summer months. Without bathroom facilities, both areas have used toilet paper strune on the ground. The ground around the lakes have been worn bear with so much foot traffic. Trails are everywhere and therefore the wildflowers which people go up to see are trampled. Basically, the experience of these high alpine lakes are heavily impacted.

2. Please do NOT give permits to graze sheep in the high country!!!! It is so hypocritical for the USFS to post signs about staying on the trail and not trampling on the alpine tundra just to turn around and allow sheep grazing. Sheep are destroying these alpine basins by bringing in noxious weeds, eroding the soil and eating the flowers so they cannot go to seed. I realize that the USFS says they are monitoring the sheep damage and that it isn't as bad as in the past. Sheep ranchers feel entitled since this is their way of life. BUT with more and more people visiting the high country, this is a tradition that needs to end for the enjoyment of all.

3. Living in Ridgway, I would like to see more mountain biking/hiking trails in the proximate mountains so I don't have to drive so far to ride good high alpine trails. I know CPW does not want to see more trails because of the impact on animal but the trails should be closed to mountain bikers prior to rifle season so that there is no question that there will not be any impact on animals.

4. Maintain existing trails - I realize that the USFS resources have been cut so trail maintenance has seriously suffered. I suggest the USFS reach out to such groups as RAT and the Ouray Trails Group for assistance from volunteers within those organizations to maintain the trails that we all use.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

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