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Comments: a few things i would like to express thoughts/concerns for:

1. maintain motorized winter access to Ophir pass area from trailhead in Ophir. Going up through the valley floor is the only way to safely access the area. we won't run over the skiers or put them in increased danger. or tear up the areas they like to ski from the Opus hut. promise. there is plenty of terrain back there for everybody, it is really silly to have the user conflicts back there that currently exist. Look at Vail Pass recreation area: there are 4 huts (6 depending how you view shrine mountain inn) out there, countless miles of trails, and NOWHERE near the level of friction i see in Ophir AND red mountain pass areas. just because you built a backcountry dwelling unit does NOT mean you own ALL of the surrounding backcountry. cheers

2. i do not approve of all the wilderness area in the cimarrons . per page 2 of your report defining such:

Wilderness Areas and other Special Areas

The GMUG National Forest contains a total of 553,427 acres designated as wilderness, nearly 20 percent of the total acreage of the Forest. The Forest manages or shares management responsibilities for ten designated wilderness and two special management areas. Per legislative direction, wilderness is managed to provide outstanding recreation opportunities for solitude or primitive and unconfined recreation. More information on the GMUG's wilderness areas is contained in the Designated Areas Assessment.

my concern is the amount and level of cattle in the said area. "Per legislative direction, wilderness is managed to provide outstanding recreation opportunities for solitude or primitive and unconfined recreation."

the recreation experience in the west fork or middle fork areas of the cimarrons in the summer is a joke. camping or backpacking up there is comparable to camping on the dairy farm facility in montrose. my family must backpack over the pass into wetterhorn basin for ANY solitude from the NONSTOP bellowing of the cattle. not to mention the cow shit everywhere!! want to filter water? Not really!! its a JOKE to call it wilderness. i understand the rights of the ranchers in the area. all i ask is not to allow them to DESTROY the land which is supposed to be protected. The water is totally unusable in those basins due to the cattle. wilderness?? i think not. call it USFS and let EVERYONE exploit it BESIDES just the ranchers. cheers