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Comments: I like the direction the Forest Service is taking in respect to historical sites and preservation of scenic resources. With the passing of the Ashley Karst NRA, I think it would benefit the public to develop some sort of plan that can draw in visitors from all around to see and experience what the Ashley National Forest has to offer as well as preserve the unique characteristics of the area. In this plan, they could include some aspects of the caves that are found in the area, such as the White Rocks cave. There could be trailheads and a development of a geologic trail system to showcase the unique formations that occur in the area.

I would also like to see more interpretive information throughout of the forest. They do a good job at places like the fire fighters memorial and the Ute fire tower. I believe they could include signs or brochures at the yurts and guardstations explaining their historic significance and provide a brief description of the area, including a history. I can see this helping visitors to understand and feel a sense of pride in the area by knowing more about it. Signs or kiosks could be placed at trail heads or other heavily used areas with this type of historical information.