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Comments: In my lifetime I have been directly involved with ranching and mining on public lands. Specifically those lands managed by the USFS. Throughout this association of mine with public lands I can proudly say that we either enhanced the land with efficient land use planning and modern reclamation methods or in the case of grazing - protected the land from forest fires. In addition we maintained public access to these lands far more consistently than current USFS practices allow for.

I am asking that these lands not be saddled with more restrictions. We must stay with the original intent behind "multiple use". To make this land a candidate for wilderness study (aka defacto wilderness land) or a wilderness area, or any other restrictive designation that prohibits public use for all is not within the full intent of multiple use. At a time when the Rocky Mountain West is seeing a significant influx of people we should be looking at ways to accommodate more people on public land while maintaining space for people to enjoy it. Not restricting use by creating more restrictions/rules and adding to the land management bureaucracy.

One final thought that probably has not been brought to the table regarding public land use in general - as a result of the current pandemic we have learned many things about maintaining a healthy existence in our country. One large issue that needs to be addressed is being self sufficient and not relying on other countries for goods and services. This begins with basic resources. In order for this become a reality we must responsibly utilize our public lands for resources such as grazing, mining, logging, oil & gas.

This land needs to remain designated multiple use and managed as such.

Sincerely,

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