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Comments: I would like to request that you prohibit the possession of glass from the Wildwood Parcel, but continue to allow dogs. Many residents in the Roaring Fork Valley are dog owners, and enjoy nature with their furry friends responsibly. Being able to bring a dog on a paddle board or float through the Northstar Nature Preserve is a peaceful and wonderful opportunity to be outside in an area that does not have many water related activities. People are not supposed to be on the banks of the river through the preserve, and disallowing dogs only creates an area in an otherwise outdoor friendly community in which dog owners are discriminated against.

Fewer regulations and rules in this area allow for the Forest Service to allocate resources to more pressing concerns and save public funds. While I appreciate that humans are not following the rules and guidelines of the Northstar Nature Preserve, typically by walking into the preserve from the highway and going to the "beach", it is the people, not the dogs that are the problem. I have often floated through the Northstar Nature Preserve, and it is my observation that the people who are not following the rules do not typically have dogs with them.

Please do not punish dogs and their owners who enjoy their company responsibly. It would seem more public education about the rules of the preserve would be a more prudent approach to this matter.

Thank you for your consideration.