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Comments: Public forest land should not be bulldozed for the parking lot, which will simply induce more car traffic and air pollution while making transit less attractive. This assessment fails to consider any alternatives, like absorbing additional visitors through transit service (Snowstang) or carpooling, and instead opts for a car-focused approach that goes against the state's goals of fighting climate change and traffic congestion.

Snowstang buses can transport 51 passengers without requiring tons of parking. Parking fees can keep the existing parking lots from filling up, encouraging carpooling or transit instead. Adding more free parking will just encourage more single-occupancy vehicle travel, and I expect the new parking lot will quickly get filled up, and Loveland will have the same "parking issue" again.

This is valuable public open land that will be permanently lost to a private parking lot. Consider environmentally friendly solutions, rather than solutions that destroy the environment. Land/habitat/forest does NOT need to be destroyed in order to accommodate more visitors; there are other ways. Besides, it's honestly not the state's problem that Loveland wants more visitors and thinks they need more parking for it. That is Loveland's problem, and they can solve it by implementing disincentives to single-occupancy vehicle travel (like parking fees) and investing in Snowstang transit, or even creating their own shuttle service from parking lots elsewhere.