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Comments: THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT. I HAVE BEEN A HIKER IN THE GMUG SINCE THE LATE 1960S WHEN MY HUSBAND, ED, AND I BUILT A CABIN NEAR LOST LAKE UNDER THE NOW-DEFUNCT HOME SITE PROVISION. OVER THE DECADES I HAVE SEEN UNREGULATED CAMPING UP THE 3 MILE ACCESS ROAD TO THE SLOUGH, WHICH TURNS THE OUTDOORS INTO A SLUM. THE SLOUGH IS OVERRUN BY PADDLEBOARDERS, MAKING FISHING ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE, THE AREA IS OFTEN OVERRUN WITH VISITORS. I SUPPORT MORE ORGANIZED CAMPGROUNDS ELSEWHERE, MORE WILDERNESS TO PROTECT WHAT WE HAVE IN THE OUTBACK, MORE EFFORT TO CONVEY TO VISITORS HOW TO BEHAVE AND DRIVE VEHICLES IN THE NATIONAL FORESTS. CREATING MORE WILDERNESS IS CRUCIAL TO PROTECT WILDLIFE, TO GIVE THEM ROOM TO LIVE WITHOUT INTERFERENCE FROM PEOPLE. AND ON THE TWO-TRACK ROAD TO SCARP RIDGE OUTSIDE CRESTED BUTTE, THE FOREST SERVICE NEEDS TO SOLIDIFY ITS CLAIM TO PUBLIC USE, CITING ADVERSE POSSESSION TO COUNTER MINING CLAIMS. IT IS OUTRAGEOUS FOR SOMEONE TO PRESUME TO CLOSE THAT ROAD TO HIKERS! AND I SUPPORT PROTECTING PUBLIC ACCESS TO TRAILS FROM THE FORMER HOTEL NOW PRIVATELY OWNED BY WHAT I HEAR IS A HEDGE FUND. FOR HALF A CENTURY THAT TRAIL TO SCARP RIDGE HAS BEEN USED BY THE PUBLIC, INCLUDING MY FAMILY. I ENCOURAGE THE FOREST SERVICE TO STAND UP FOR THE PUBLIC AND AGAINST PRIVATIZATION OF OUR INVALUABLE OUTDOOR RESOURCE. WE NEED YOU TO CONSIDER THE NATIONAL FORESTS AS OUR WATER PRODUCERS, OUR RECREATION PROVIDERS, OUR SOLACE AND OUR PROTECTION FOR WILDLIFE. THANKS, BETSY MARSTON