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Comments: Hello all; Comments are related to recreation but also Wildlife corridors , Impacts to existing community and HISTORY on the trout lake road that the FOREST SERVICE is using to describe as a route to Hope lake trailhead and semi regulated camping.

Sorry I had to state it as semi-regulated but after multiple attempts we cannot get 7 DAY CAMPING LIMIT SIGNS. STAY ON DESIGNATED ROADS signs, No Camping at Trailheads or a delineation of G.M.U.G property at the top of Lizardhead pass at the RV campground and sheep corals. (Sheep lost on this one , you can now find them across the highway on the cross mountain and Lizardhead - Blackface trails)

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I am a year around resident of Trout Lake. Trout lake and Lizardhead Land company own approximately 465 acres around TROUT LAKE , GALLOPING GOOSE TRAIL-63a and the Access to Priest Lake Campground . We were originally part of Federal Lands when in 1891 the land was part of the Westinghouse, Nunn , Tesla - Ames power station for the first commercial AC generating station that is still in operation ! This predates the Rio Grand Southern Railroad and the Forest Service which began in 1905. The land passed into what we now know as Power Utilities. In 1982 with the bankrupt UTAH AND POWER AND LIGHT happening the first 450 acres was sold to Trout Lake Land Company. This is were the forest service probably should have moved the access to HOPE LAKE TRAIL and the forest lands to Forest Service Road 626-FS63a at the sheep corals on Lizardhead Pass as this is where the federal lands of trout lake changed to private lands . (This Hope lake is part of the Trout Lake project 400 according to F.E.R.C.and is still used for power generation, the forest service trail is the old mule trail to the dam) In 1985 Lizardhead Land Company purchased the 17 acres around Trout Lake and the road. This would have been the second opportunity to realize that now the access to Hope Lake , Priest Lake, and the National Forest was being directed through a the P.U.D. of both Lizardhead Land company and Trout Lake Land Company and move the Forest Access to State Highway 145 and FS63a at the Lizardhead Pass.

In 2015 we went through the relicensing of the FERC project Ames Power project with Public service company of Colorado(owned by EXCEL ENERGY), Trout Lake Land , Lizardhead Land Company , San Miguel County and Fish and Wildlife, at Federal Energy Regulatory Agency request to clean up the Project boundaries to exclude any private property for recreation, Establish no public access through private property and establish the update on recreation at Trout Lake . This Plat is recorded at the San Miguel County Courthouse in 2015.

Fast

forward to 2021 - If I am reading your Recreation maps correctly you have OHV 's on The Trout Lake Road . That is incorrect. The Map shows Galloping Goose Trail as no OHV 's . Since the Galloping Goose Trail extend to the top of Lizardhead pass There should be No OHV's . For that matter why do we even have Priest Lake and 63a as OHV routes? Where are they to go? Hope lake is no OHV trail , Hidden Lakes is No OHV, Trout Lake is no OHV route and HIGHWAY 145 in No OHV. You cannot connect to Barlow pass or Ophir Pass without Riding on Highway 145. Please Remove OHV for the section of road from top of lizardhead pass through Trout Lake and Priest lake . Also signage stating the an OHV permit from another state does not apply to Colorado law.

Over the last years we have increased the parking at Hope Lake and increased the parking at The Nordic Parking by the old refurbished RAILROAD TRESTLE. Now that hope lake trail head and the nordic parking are routinely full there is talk from the Forest service to increase the Parking. I think this would be a mistake and would be more of the problem and less of the solution and here is why. Here is where we are at up here. Our record for sup boards on trout lake this summer is 53! We are full. Sup rentals, fishing , fly fishing guides , hydrofoil supboards(bad mix) ,Overflowing parking areas, Galloping goose trail, nordic skiing . helicopter heliskiing , camping , RV use. Telluride academy kids programs, Adaptive sports, Backcountry skiing e have it all! So -- We have worked with county to get THE NO PARKING ON ROAD except in designated areas --We have updated all our road signs. .We have delineated where people can and cannot park to lessen the crossing

of private land to the lake . We have increased the public parking at the boat launch and re-gravelled the parking areas through a group effort of EXCEL ENERGY, SAN MIGUEL COUNTY ROADS , TROUT LAKE AND LIZARDHEAD LAND COMPANY . Excel had doubled the cleaning of the the toilets at the boat launch . WE are now on our second round of a San Miguel Sheriff Portable speed radar trailer to try and regulate the FOREST SERVICE traffic traveling through Trout Lake Subdivision. . We are bracing for when the campgrounds close as we have been the recipient of the campers when they close . It is not uncommon to have RV's and campers drive by all day til as late as 3 :00 AM looking for the FREE CAMPING The NEW RECREATIONIST we have are unable to follow the Speed limit thinking our 15MPH Means 30 Mph . In Winter it is now common to see people drive Through Trout Lake PUD to find the parking full then drive back out. The Solution -----
----- We need to rethink our Trailheads. NORDIC SKIING needs a good parking area that you can see from the highway at the top of Lizardhead pass and be able to tell if it is full or not. Sending more traffic through Trout Lake and Lizardhead homes only to have them turn around to drive back out should be the tell tale sign. --Hope Lake and the camping and National Forest Access should be switched on the Forest Service websites to show it as being from the top of LizardHead Pass not Through the Trout Lake & Lizardhead Land . There is NO reason people should be driving through a community to access the the National Forest when The the National forest has another F.S. road so close. The possible next step in the future would be to make The North Trout Lake Road a Dead End Road at the end of Private Land and the Forest Service Line From June 1rst to September 30 th. This would get people accessing the National Forest From 63 a at the top of the pass during the busiest summer months .There would need to be a gate that had a lock that TROUT LAKE, HIDDEN LAKES , EMS AND FIRE (and the new ragland owners)have access to for fire escape routes. Priest Lake Campground should be entered off highway 145 not Through the TroutLake Lizardhead land and Priest Lake Road. Priest Lake lake Road should remain the primitive Road/ Trail it is better suited for . A back of Priest and Matterhorn campground walk.

The guidelines for Highway 145 SCENIC BYWAY setbacks on the master plan along with the wildlife travel corridor HIGH QUALITY HABITAT of wildlife concerns and the Camping at a Trail Head(never allowed) ,along RV campground with generators (not to be found to be authorized- no EIS ?) and the over use of What is historically described by the SCENIC BYWAYS signs at the top of the pass as a historic summer sheep operation appears to be in violation of several guidelines for the Master Plan. The constant humans have stopped the Wildlife migration that you used to see. Access to Sheep mountain is now a walk through someones RV site. These people are not there ,they drop off the RV or even Drop off the CABOVER camper to go to travel around . These are NOT CAMPERS- campers are in tents(intense) as the kids these days say. This all seems incongruous with what an Alpine pass should carry . A parking area for the termination of the GALLOPING GOOSE TRAIL from Telluride to Lizardhead pass would be well used. A parking area to hike sheep mountain would be good . A parking area to get the public who is parking there to visit off the highway 145 parking top of pass that is where truckers and highway plow trucks turn around. Seeing truckers wanting to pull over to check their brakes only to find no place to pull over should tell us its time. This area really would be best used as a DAY USE ONLY AREA. Why would we put an RV campground so close a wilderness area? The thought that you can provide free camping this close to Telluride is not in line with \$2000 dollar rents and \$200 nitely rentals The Current Rv park will lead only to regret in my opinion. Increasing CAYTON, MATTERHORN AND SUNSHINE campgrounds are a much better long term solution. Do not get me wrong - I think what you all have done and the general direction the forest service is going is a testament to work well done . thanks