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I live just a few miles away from both Blue Lakes and Blaine Basin and have hiked in both areas for years, since the early 1980's. So I strongly support Alternative D's Summer Recreation Prescription of "Primitive" for the Blaine Basin area. With so much pressure on folks going to Blue Lake, now Blaine Basin is getting lots more traffic so Blaine Basin needs to be added to the Mount Sneffels Wilderness so that it can be more protected and give more opportunity for this scenic area. This area must be protected as relief for other areas under pressure. We have all witnessed the need for solitude and noiselessness, creating a Wilderness designation for Blaine Basin will protect that resource.

Blue Lakes Basin

I support Alternative D's Summer Recreation Prescription of "Primitive" which includes the Blue Lakes Basin area. This area is losing its wilderness qualities because it's not being managed properly as a Wilderness. I have hiked here for many years and have witnessed firsthand the loss of solitude afforded a Wilderness area due to overcrowding. And the native vegetation is being lost due to too many footprints and backpacking tent footprints on the land. Reducing the number of day hikers and backpackers is a must in order to preserve Blue Lakes Basin's natural and untrammled wilderness quality. Reducing the number of people in the basin on a daily basis will protect our opportunity for solitude in this amazing and beautiful area.