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Comments: I have been a resident of Ridgway for 3 years and a visitor to Ouray County for 30 years. I applaud the efforts to manage the visitation to Blue Lakes and Yankee Boy Basin. I agree with the prohibition of camping above tree-line. I agree with a permit system for both camping and day use of the Blue Lakes area. The overnight and day use permits in this zone should have non-refundable and non-trivial fees to discourage people from reserving up sites or day usage and then not actually using them. Also as a local who lives here so that I can pick good weather days for hiking I would like to see some portion, 25% say, of the permits to only be available a few days in advance. I'm not sure what is meant by "hardened ford" of the stream below lower Blue Lake. If it means rock hopping then please place rocks so that older folks can cross without trouble. In the past, I have crossed the stream closer to the outlet where the stream is wider and shallower so a dry ford would be appreciated. I don't think camping should be allowed in the Yankee Boy Basin. There are just too many people. Finally, the Yankee Boy Basin Road needs maintenance. What used to be an easy 4-wheel drive road for an SUV has become much more difficult with bedrock now exposed where it didn't use to be. It's only going to get worse. Thank you.