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Comments: I agree with the overall premise of the regulations. I live in Montrose and misuse of this region is having a significant negative impact on the area. I do have a few specific comments about the plan. Dogs should not be allowed at all in any of the zones. Dogs are the primary disruptor of wildlife and their feces are more destructive than human waste. They destroy the wild nature of the area and are a major detriment to backcountry and front country users' enjoyment. The maximum of 4 permits per year is unnecessarily restrictive to locals. Front range recreators will not come this far more than 4 times per year but this is a primary location for residents of Montrose, Delta, Ouray, Ridgway, Norwood, and Telluride. Please institute a higher level for residents such as 8 permits per year. Locals are not the ones negatively impacting this area and should not be restricted due to the impacts of out of State and front range recreationalists. Please make the permit fees reasonable for overnight and day use. Once the fees exceed \$10 per trip it will start to limit lower income users. Vehicle use in the Yankee Boy basin area is out of control and designated routes should be clearly marked. I would like to see a major reduction of allowable vehicle use in the area. The entire basin has been destroyed in terms of wildlife habitat due to the constant stream of Jeeps and SUVs disturbing the area. This is an amazing location and it is sad to see it reduced to a driving range for commercial rental companies and out of State users. Thank you for reviewing my comments.