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Comments: I am a 30+ year resident of the area. I own land up against the Sneffels wilderness and own a ranch with a view of Sneffels range. I have horses and hunt in the Sneffels range. I have been participating in activities in and around Blue lakes for over forty years. I hike in the Blue lakes area multiple times a year and have guided people in the area for years. Simply put I am a local who deeply cares about the area!

I recently read an article in the Ouray news which claims many things that are simply false. The people recreating on the roads and Trails are enjoying the public land and should not be limited or have to reserve anything online. This whole problem is created out of thin air, there is no problem! Let people hike and Jeep and ride their horses unencumbered by permits and reservations like it has been done for millennium. How can some student spend a brief time in an area and get accurate results? Trash and human waste are not a problem, dispersed camping is not a problem. Infrared cameras, campsite inventories and water test on specific days at the height of the season does not inform anyone of problems when eight months of the year no one is there.

The problems can be solved by better parking, a pit toilet and a smile on everyone's face! No one resents anyone else for enjoying our public lands! If you need another option close the area for wildlife and to camping for eight months of the year like CPW does in many areas around the state. So, in conclusion, Let me state crystal clear that there is no problem at Blue lakes or on the Jeep roads surrounding the Sneffels wilderness.