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Comments: I have lived near and worked on public lands for many years. As a Ridgway resident working in the public sector, I hear horror stories of the conditions near our beloved Blue Lakes area (and many other public land areas) often these days. I appreciate the proposed management plan and I know that while it may not be popular it is time for active management of this area. Thank you for the work that has gone into this project thus far. The importance of preserving as many natural conditions as possible while addressing the impacts of the increase in visitor use is imperative to allow future visitors to appreciate the incredibly unique Blue Lakes area. I feel the Leave No Trace ethics are necessary in this area, and education of the visitors is imperative. We are seeing unprecedented numbers of uneducated visitors - we all need to help them understand what wildlands etiquette is necessary and important to help preserve our resources so others can enjoy and appreciate them, too.