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Comments: Please, please implement a permit system for the entire Blue Lakes/Blaine Basin/Sneffels area!

Permits for day hiking, permits for overnight backpacking need to be started as soon as possible to protect this special area and keep it from further degradation. Backpacking camping sites need to be designated sites to keep the campsites a good distance from trails and lakes. Also, there should only be camping along County Rd. 7 at designated sites. Unfortunately all of this requires more presence of Forest Service rangers to enforce permits, etc. The cost of permits should be as low as possible so that the fee is not an economic filter.

Regulating the number of people visiting this area will help to keep it a special natural place and minimize further damage to trails and lake shores from too many people. I am in favor of regulating/limiting the number of visitors to all of these areas.

Thank you for your efforts to keep the Blue Lakes, Blaine Basin, and Sneffels area as wild and free as possible.