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Comments: I fully support all of the proposed actions to require permits and limit the number of people by implementing a reserved permit system, designating campsites away from water, improving and designating parking to accommodate permit holders, restoring heavily impacted camping zones and social trails that have been denuded of native vegetation, NOT allowing campfires of any kind, leashing dogs and requiring packing out of human waste, especially in wilderness zones.

I would like to see you add that dog waste must be immediately packed out as well or dogs be prohibited in all wilderness zones to include trails and camping areas. This would prohibit a hiker or camper from leaving the dog waste bag on the side of the trail to try to remember to pack it out on the way out.

I would also like to see you add a prohibition on the use of personal speakers that amplify music in wilderness on trails and in other non-motorized campsites. The use of these devices is disruptive to people and wildlife and does not provide for a wilderness experience. I understand that this would fall under one of the Leave No Trace principles of "Respect Others" but I think that it needs to be pointed out to many new backcountry and wilderness users.

Will you also consider requiring day use permits via a possible timed entry system to limit the number of vehicles on Camp Bird and Yankee Boy Rd so that roadside parking on vegetation and blocking of the road doesn't occur? It looks like most of the road is out of this project area, but much of the daily traffic ends up in the project area.

I applaud your efforts to save this beautiful area and preserve the wilderness character from too many people who don't seem to value that beauty or character or don't recognize the damage done by their actions.

Thank you for providing an easy way to comment on your plan. I am commenting on this plan as a private citizen but also offer my support as a fellow manager of public lands in southwest Colorado.

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