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Comments: good morning Cindy: I would like to submit a comment for the proposed parking area for the Lower Box/Pine Creek Trailhead. According to my research As a designated wilderness area values the following qualities:1.1)Untrammeled. 2.2)Natural. Wilderness should have native flora and fauna.3.3)Undeveloped. Wilderness should have as few human-made structures, like signs and developed campsites, as possible.4.4)Opportunities for Solitude or Recreation. I am a full time resident of Boulder, Utah and have frequented the Death Box Wilderness area for the last 14 years. I was actually just there the other day and deeply value the sense of wilderness and solitude. The plant life there is the most pristine that I have experienced in the area and the opportunity for solitude in connection with wild nature is something very rare in our modern world. My concern is that an upgrade in the parking area will draw more attention to this protected designated wilderness area. In the years I have lived here I have witnessed places like upper and mid Calf Creek as well as Death Hollow getting impacted with increased use which results in human waste, trash and impact being left behind. I would recommend leaving the parking area as it is now (quality #3 undeveloped). If plans go forward for the new lot I would recommend a placard that really lays out what it means to visit a wilderness area and how to truly leave no trace. I also wonder about requiring a permit verifying that the user knows how to respect wild nature. While I'd love for people to have the experiences that are possible off the beaten path, the truth is many are coming from places where they can just flush a toilet or throw things in trash cans and really just don't know how to be in relationship with the wilderness. Thank you for considering my comment.