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Comments: The USFS February 2, 2023 "Open House" was it: A misinformation effort without accountability?

The February 2nd USFS "Open House" included tables (stations) spread around the room in a "trade show" format (one for gravel mine, one for trail system, wildlife, etc.), ostensibly to avoid an actual Q&A session where citizens could hear all parties questions, concerns and most importantly, ANSWERS from USFS officials. This allowed only small groups (1 - 4 ppl) at a small 5ft table-top to engage USFS representatives with their questions. Is this a standard operating procedure to limit larger group, information digestion and disallow any public record entry by design? It sure looks like it. Why did the USFS not hold a community Q&A forum that would allow for true input and questions from the public and allow for public record of these Q's and A's?

During conversation at the Open House, Commissioner Warren Brown stated at the USFS open house: "We've considered three sites in two years" "We have an urgent need for gravel" "The Mountain Bike trail system should be put on hold" "We need to secure a new source of gravel, the current hauling costs are too expensive" "I'm not married to the Jackson Mountain Site". Perhaps county taxpayers think a greater number of sites need consideration, especially those that do not "Industrialize" a pristine mountain recreation area! What other sites has the USFS considered for supply to the Pagosa District? Please provide documentation of these site reviews.

Wastline Inc., the Archuleta County project consultant (had table at USFS show) originally estimated in July 2022 written report that 1500 round trip dump truck movements on JM roads (equals a truck every 24 minutes every, single 8h weekday). At the USFS open house Wastline representatives were telling citizens that only five trucks per day would be required UNTIL their own report was placed in front of them and they apologized for misleading, (but perhaps damage done). Upon seeing their own report they then, surprisingly, added "More recent estimates may increase the need to 2000 round trips"! (How many Government projects get "smaller" once they start? .... None, IMO).

USFS Engineers were present at their tables, some arguing that the 2022 Wastline study estimates were way too high, perhaps in an effort to alleviate fears of Jackson Mountain recreationists also.

Any question concerning environment impact, traffic safety impact, forest visitor safety, etc., etc. were met with "we have no reason for concern" - All without any formal studies on these matters published for public consumption. How will the USFS substantiate these answers without any formal study to reflect upon?