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Comments: I have been a full time resident of Chaffee County for over 15 years. The Arkansas Valley is indeed a beautiful place and a cherished gift to all of us that live here. I have read the comments which have been posted referencing dispersed camping, day use etc. I too have witnessed the dramatic increase in traffic in, to and through this valley. I understand that there are different views and proposed methods for accommodating the number of campers, visitors etc. A well thought out plan for facilitating increased use can only be so effective, as no project and it's implementation can be perfect. Despite all efforts, there will be impacts, even by the most conscientious and "leave no trace" users. While it seems that the aim of these projects to allow more use of the forest, by anyone and everyone, even with good intentions and reasonable constraints, lets keep our eye on the ball here. While we say this lands are "ours", truly they are not. We as people are here only for a relatively brief time in the overall life of these forest lands. It only make sense to believe that a capacity exists. If we as people exceed what the lands can accommodate with even small amounts of damage or harm, these effects are cumulative.

If we are truly in this for the lands that will hopefully be here as we found them long after we are gone, then remember, what we think that we deserve, or should be able to do, camping, hiking etc. wherever and whenever is probably not in the best interests of what we espouse to protect.

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