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Comments: The desecration of the northern part of Chaffee County and southern part of Lake County is extremely alarming, and the trashing of Twin Lakes has been the most heart breaking. People have made new campsites everywhere, deposited human waste and toilet paper on the surface, and then left their trash when they leave. The Forest Service has gone in and put rocks and no camping signs up, which was a good effort, but more and more people keep coming and abusing the area.

The area of Lost Canyon in the last several years has seen an enormous amount of increased usage. New campsites are popping up everywhere along the road and older campsites are devoid of vegetation. There used to be a gorgeous meadow that has now been overused so much that most of the grass has died. OHVs, which are illegal on Chaffe County Road 398, run up and down the road at will. The Clear Creek area on County Road 390 is the same story; it is overrun with people who care very little of the mess they leave behind.

While I don't have any viable suggestions as to what should be done, I do know that this can not continue. We need to preserve the treasure of the beautiful place we get to call home.