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Comments: The USFS District Ranger had acknowledged this site in the past. As certified pilots of the USHPA (United States Hang-Gliding & Paragliding Association), we respectfully request that this launch site remains open to the public.

I hope this launch site stays open so that I am able to keep flying!!!

Our group practices environmentally responsible activities and follows Leave No Trace principles during our harmless recreational flights. Paragliding is a passive activity that generates no air or noise pollution and requires no vehicular access. We park at the Animas Overlook Trailhead, carry our backpacks south on the existing Cliffside Trail for approximately 0.70 miles, and reach the launch site.

We urge you to recognize our free-flight activities as a legitimate and low-impact form of healthy recreation within the San Juan National Forest. Additionally, we request the opportunity to maintain the launch site at no cost to the USFS and with minimal environmental impact to ensure our safety. Thank you for considering our request, and I am available to address any further inquiries you may have.