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Comments: I'm a local paragliding pilot with about 9 years of personal history flying from the launch site near the Animas overlook. I hope the forest service will recognize the historic use of this site and support it's continued use in the future. We really only require two things for that to happen: allow access, and allow the site to be maintained as it has been since at least the 1980's.

The best access we currently have is from the Animas Overlook parking area, via the user-created trail, downhill along the ridge. Historically, pilots accessed the launch site via the closed, Level 1 road about .5 miles before the Animas Overlook, but a lack of parking there makes it less than ideal.

Site maintenance really only requires a minimal amount of pruning to keep vegetation from crowding the launch area. Mostly, that consists of trimming back the gamble oak that would otherwise take over the world as we know it… We recognize that erosion is a primary concern, and don't intend to clear the area unnecessarily.

We most often land in the falls creek valley along CR 205, near a pullout, and don't require any special access there. We are very aware of the archeological area and closure west of the road, and easily avoid that area.

Thanks so much for the opportunity to have our access considered in future plans!