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Comments: I think permitting is necessary to protect the Blue Lakes area and provide a better outdoor experience for recreators. However, the number of permits for day hiking seems low. I understand multiple people can be under one permit, but perhaps a slightly higher limit of 50 to 60 permits per day would still be appropriate. It's quite a long hiking trail, so 40 permits seems overly restrictive. With family in Ouray County, I can say that a slightly higher permit cap would help locals be able to recreate in this area as well. Please consider a higher day hiking permit cap. Thanks!