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Comments: Our family is proud to call Colorado home and we appreciate the continued effort to protect the land for all generations to come. This problem will continue to grow and it is important that we figure this out not only for this area, but other areas in Colorado. We fully support the successful launch of a ticketing system for this area, but there must be parameters in place to successfully do so.

The Blue Lakes (Sneffels Wilderness Area) is one of our favorite hiking and camping areas and we have been visiting that specific area for over 30 years. We have camped, hiked and wandered during that time with our family and done so in a very respectful manner. Unfortunately not everyone shares our desire to respectfully maintain the land, which is one of the reasons we are in this situation. What we have noticed over the years is an increase in traffic, but also access to this area. The road access to this area has been significantly improved over the years and we believe that this has increased traffic. Additionally, an increase in social media presence has given visibility to the area. While we understand and support the need to potentially issue passes for this area, we have a couple of suggestions that should be considered.

If you restrict this usage to 40 users a day, you MUST CHARGE for these passes! Hidden Falls does this successfully in Glenwood Springs at \$10/day. We understand this is a different situation with different location and parking, but it is just an example. You can take a look at the problems faced with the Maroon Bells in Aspen to see the same problem that will happen in Sneffels Wilderness. People book numerous passes at the Maroon Bells because there is no charge (with National Park pass) and they "may" use these passes. The number of passes that go unused at the Maroon Bells has to be staggering! This is an unfortunate by-product of the way the reservation system works at the Maroon Bells. This year specifically (2023) we were not able to book a pass at the Maroon Bells because people book them up because they "may use them." There is no charge and no consequence that goes with taking numerous passes at the Maroon Bells. We live here, use the land respectfully and we could not access the area. That is sad to our family!

Some additional suggestions would be to issue these passes closer to usage - NOT 3 months out. The length of time prior to a pass encourages people to game the system and allow passes to go unused. One additional idea would be to have a better cancellation system, so unused passes can then be used by others. We could install a code on the pass and if that code is not scanned during the time-frame that the pass is valid, that user would be issued a penalty. There are obvious things to work out with this, but we wanted to put it out there.

We understand the comment of all should be able to use the land, so we are not talking about a \$50 fee (although we would support that to protect our land!), but make it enough so users can't take up all of the passes without any penalty. We suggest \$10/day/person - reasonable and state that the money will be used to protect the surrounding area. Or you could figure out the cost needed to monitor the area and back into the money needed. You must also determine how you are going to enforce this policy and make the penalty for violating the policy enough to be damaging. I can guarantee that people will be willing to risk a penalty if it is not significant enough and it is not enforced - unfortunate, but true. Having a policy without strict enforcement does nothing!

Thank you for your time, consideration and continued effort to protect our beautiful land for years to come!!