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Comments: E:GMUG project suggestion/Blue Lakes trail to top of Blue Lakes pass Dear Ms. Gardunio, Thank you for your work on the Blue Lakes Visitor Use Management Plan and Environmental Assessment. After reviewing the documents I would like to suggest a possible solution to ease visitor frustration, inequities for those with no computer access and to ease local resident trail use frustrations in relation to the proposed permit system. Please consider a daily group volunteer program for up to four hikers with assignments to include: recording observations impacting the trail and hiking experience, pick up/hike out and record trash, observe and record any wildlife seen on the trail. A program like this could serve to inform adaptive management with daily data. A weekly sign up at a local agency such as a state park office, visitor center or local forest service office would allow walk-in visitors and locals to sign-up for the next day or any weekly openings on a first come first serve basis. A form could then be mailed to your office with findings after the volunteer hikes the trail. I know that whatever your team implements, it will help to preserve Blue Lakes for generations.