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Comments: State Parks provide a positive experience for all of we users. Gracie, 77, and I, 83, are regulars coming to canoe and hike. However, waiting in a line of traffic to access, paying at the gate, and overcrowded, jammed, facilities at some of the parks diminishes the experience. Sadly to some measure the State Parks mirror a "Commercial Enterprise", not what we wish to experience after driving miles to a remote location for a day in the outdoors. Therefore:

1. Please in your plan consider signage at the entrance to Coffee Pot Road, FS # 600, signage that communicates the park is full, no availability!

2.Sweetwater is an incredible property which I continue to canoe, and from which I've enjoyed many Horse Packing Trips into the Flattops. The new boat dock is good. The State Park must provide for horse access to the Flattops including parking for horse trailers, vehicle parking and suitable area for unloading horses, tacking, loading gear and corralling. This area would provide for day users and multiple day parking.

3. The buildings are old, probably not economic to renovate, therefore should be removed except for the horse barn, which needs improvements, but do not even temporarily close this facility. Your long term plan should include providing cabins and or yurts.

4. There must be absolutely no off highway vehicle use out of the State Park.

5. Please limit the number of Recreational Vehicle, sites, possibly no more than 12. And, there should be a size restriction, limited length, maybe 21 feet. This is because Sweetwater Road cannot handle the traffic, RV's arriving and departing. There should be another 12 sites for Camping, pop up, trailers.

6. Yes, of course there will be camping sites.

7. Provide adequate parking at the Boat Dock for day users providing easy pull in, out spaces for those of us who transport our canoe/kayak on a trailer.

8. There must be a plan, regulations and enforcement for traffic on Coffee Pot Road, a Forest Service Road. The Forest Service does not have Resourses or Budget to police this road. Therefore State Parks must allocate staff, vehicle and budget to regularly patrol, especially on weekends. There is no cell service so a vehicle in trouble or accident would go unreported until another vehicle drove to a site where a signal is available.