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Comments: I had the opportunity to camp and fish at this beautiful location the last three years. It is currently a primitive campground with only a pit toilet and 9 campsites including 5 relatively level sites that are suited for smaller trailers or Rv's, and 4 sites dedicated to tent camping. There is one pit toilet that serves this CG, picnic tables, bear boxes, and a day use area complete the CG area. No water or power are currently in place. Recently I had the opportunity to speak with some local folks about the plan to develop the lake and surrounding property. I was shocked to hear the intent is to build more than 200 use sites of varied types. Notwithstanding the obvious traffic increase that would entail, I don't believe the area could absorb that many people on any given day or week. The notion that even an "improved" two lane road would be sufficient to handle such a volume seems absurd. That also doesn't address the potential during fire season that it would be unsafe and possibly unmanageable to have so many people dependent on a single dead end road if an emergency situation were to occur. A more reasonable development capacity increase at most would be no more than 50 use sites, but I feel even an additional 25 sites could negatively impact the area. I'm hopeful the USFS and State of Colorado will carefully consider how the quality of this resource will be affected should a massive redevelopment be undertaken. All 3 years I've been there, it was a privilege to see a resident bald eagle pair, numerous osprey and wake up to numerous migratory songbirds and hummingbirds. I also worry about the potential for increased noise, fishery overuse and impacts to surrounding trails. In my opinion, less is more; quality over quantity. Otherwise the area will lose the character that currently makes it a special place. Development seems inevitable, but it need not be so much that it negatively impacts wildlife, the surrounding communities, or creates safety or management concerns.