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Comments: I live in Eagle, Colorado. I've lived there for over 30 years. I have visited and used Sweetwater Lake and the surrounding National Forest often, even before I moved to Eagle. The area is extremely unique. It is very beautiful and relatively uncrowded. The area is critical for wildlife and recreation.

The purchase of the private property near the lake and subsequent transfer to the Forest Service was a wonderful thing that was intended to preserve the character of the area.

Development of any additional campsites, cabins, lodge and maintenance facility would be extremely detrimental to all of the attributes that make Sweetwater Lake so special. Creating a new state park or allowing management by the state of Colorado can not be done without ruining all that is good about Sweetwater.

A few minor changes could be an improvement but only if done by the Forest Service. Specifically moving the existing campground without increasing the number of sites or adding any campground amenities makes sense.

Additional parking for day use and camping for equestrians is good. It doesn't require any spending or management. Just allow parking for day use and camping for equestrians wherever there is room. No facilities need to be constructed.

Please understand that future crowds and all of the predicted management headaches and expenses are not inevitable. To paraphrase and reverse a quote from a popular movie, don't build it and they won't come!