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Comments: The road is a huge safety concern. This is a road that is wide enough for 2 cars, but at times, it is only wide enough for 1 1/2 cars. There are blind corners, the speed limit is 25 (but is not enforced), and it is mostly gravel. This road leads up from the Colorado River Road into a box canyon ending at Sweetwater lake. As evidenced by the evacuations during the fire in the canyon, it is difficult for people to get out of the area in a calm, non-congested manner. There is no cell phone coverage up here, so if there is an accident, it takes time to find a landline to call for help. Increased traffic will cause increased road maintenance needs, which will result in a lot of funds going to road and bridge to continually re-grade and gravel the road. Additionally, during this process, magnesium chloride is used, which then can seep into the ground water and eventually Sweetwater creek and the Colorado river. Increased traffic will cause increased trash along the road, and an influx of day users and campers into other areas that are not maintained by CPW or USFS (cow camp road, W Mountain, etc.) when they can't spend the day at the lake. Increased traffic will cause increased wildlife impacts. Currently, there are children who ride their bikes on Sweetwater road.

I don't have many suggestions to reduce the traffic impacts of our community. If there is an increase of 100 cars on the road per day, combined with the community driving to town, there will be congestion and traffic accidents. If possible, reduce the daily use number, the number of camp sites and the number of cabins to a more manageable number for the above traffic concerns.