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Comments: Hello WRNF,

I am commenting on the history of the Sweetwater Lake area and the former land owner of the lands being discuss in this comment period. He excluded user groups he didn't like. Namely people who use bicycles to access the natural beauty of the WRNF. It has always baffled me that there is very little discussion of the fact that there are varying degrees of disability and access to public lands. Some people have podiatric conditions that make walking downhill damaging to our pediatric health as the lesser disability to a person who is in a wheelchair as the more disabled. In the end it is all equality and access for all. Don't continue an old non-inclusive environment for the Sweetwater Lake area. The Wilderness is close by for anyone who doesn't like certain user groups. The Flattops have few places that lend themselves to good bicycling but the Sweetwater is the exception. The Cross Creek Trail to the Sweetwater Trail is a perfect example of this gift to the public. There are other trails outside the Wilderness that are in need of maintenance but would be great also. Please, open things up a little bit and let user groups who are ready to contribute help our public lands thrive.