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Comments: I have been visiting Sweet water lake for most of my life, starting when I was a young boy. We now live in the community not far away from the lake. This area is unique in its tranquility and beauty. I have many concerns about its future. We do miss the restaurant and its community gatherers but also know changes are happening. We have used the horse area for staging some of our summer rides also. My concerns are the lose of the tranquility it has always had and becoming a state park. I would like to see limited but enjoyable usage for its visitors. I know large motor homes don't belong there for several reasons. One would be the generators and skyline abruption. The road to Sweet-water has always been narrow and curvy. When pulling a horse trailer it can be dangerous if you meet some one on the corners, but to have large motor homes would be worse. Primitive camping, small popup campers and cabin camping has worked for may years. I know many of the cabins are beyond repair and need to be taken down but I would enjoy to see them replaced. Also the lodge is in very poor shape and I would like to see it replaced and keep the same western feel with a grand deck for seniors and kids to enjoy while others are in the lake or hiking. It is a shame what has happen to the caves. I would like them opened again but protected from vandalism. I am in favor of moving the horse area and making it bigger. A better boat ramp on the east end would be great. I can still remember as a kid and even as adult getting deep into the mud trying to get to the lake. Will this be a reservation only park ? We have always hoped in the truck and drove there to enjoy the afternoon. Will there be daytime areas to have a picnic at ? I enjoy ice fishing in the winter there and wounder what has happened to the Kokanee salmon? There used to be nice size and good eating ones. Now they are tiny little guys for the last @10 years?

Please keep this rare gem of Colorado a special place for families to enjoy and have long memories like I do. Please don't let it be a place I used to remember but has been ruined. Thank you for listing.