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Comments: am writing to express my strong support for the Sweetwater Lake Recreation Management and Development Project. As a resident of Glenwood Springs, I am deeply invested in the promotion of sustainable outdoor recreation, which is vital for our community's health and well-being, as well as for the preservation of our natural resources.

The proposed project offers a thoughtful balance between maintaining traditional recreational opportunities and minimizing environmental impacts. By focusing recreational use on already disturbed areas, the plan ensures that increased use will not lead to significant harm to natural resources. This is a commendable approach that aligns with the principles of sustainable development.

The project's highlights, including the development of new campgrounds, cabins, and equestrian facilities, will significantly enhance the visitor experience while preserving the historical and natural character of Sweetwater Lake. Moreover, the restoration of historic buildings and the construction of a new lodge for administrative, educational, and interpretive purposes will provide valuable amenities and services that will enrich the visitor experience.

It is crucial to recognize that the benefits of this project extend beyond a small group of property owners in the vicinity of the site. The improvements proposed will serve a broad audience, including outdoor enthusiasts, families, and educators from across the region. It is important that such a valuable project, which stands to benefit many, is not derailed by a minority of self-interested parties.

I urge the decision-makers to proceed with the proposed Sweetwater Lake Recreation Management and Development Project, taking into account the positive impacts on sustainable outdoor recreation and the overall well-being of our community.

Thank you for considering my comments.