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Comments: Has anyone bothered to consult the CPWs raptor protection guidelines? The amount of people and the size of the development doesn't make sense if you want to Keep Colorado Wild.

Just in case you haven't consulted with the state yet on raptor restrictions, the plan needs to be revised since it is within the peregrine falcon nesting cliff complex.

"No surface occupancy (beyond that which historically occurred in the area) within ½ mile (2640 feet, 800 meters) radius of active nests. No permitted, authorized, or human encroachment activities within ½ mile (2640 feet, 800 meters) mile of the nest cliff(s) from March 15 to July 31. Due to propensity to relocate nest sites, sometimes up to ½ mile (2640 feet, 800 meters) along cliff faces, it is more appropriate to designate 'Nesting Areas' that encompass the cliff system and a ½ mile (2640 feet, 800 meters) buffer around the cliff complex."

There are also restrictions for the Bald Eagle.

I recommend retaining a responsible environmental firm to help guide the "developers" in your organization to create a more wildlife and environmentally friendly development. I understand that we can submit alternate plans for consideration, but the changes that need to be made to the proposed plan are too great for it to be a starting point. Can the USFS not only incorporate the raptor restrictions in a revised plan, but also complete any other sensitive species and habitat surveys prior to presenting a revised plan for comment?

The public just doesn't have enough information right now, and the current plan is just proposing too great of an impact to the area.

My current alternative is to keep the development footprint and capacity the same as it is now.