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Comments: I have lived in Eagle County for 28 years and Sweetwater has always been a very special place to all our family. I know change is hard and we realize Sweetwater will change and we hope these comments will be sincerely considered. With proper care and commitment to the preservation of this beautiful spot many people should still be able to come and enjoy whether they're local, in state or out of state. Through experience I honestly have to say we live the disappointment of not being able to enjoy Sylvan Lake like we did before it became a State Park. That doesn't seem right and for that reason I really hope they do not title Sweetwater as a State Park as it is very unique in all the gov. entities involved so it isn't truly a state park run solely by the state, there should be a lot of local involvement. With that said, great consideration needs to be taken on every level to ensure to protect this amazing place so it can be enjoyed for many years to come.

I have huge concerns about the number of people the plans suggest will be able to come to Sweetwater Lake. My reasons for these concerns are mostly for safety first, due to this one way in and no outlet after Sweetwater Lake. This should be taken very seriously. Fires are becoming more and more prevalent in Colorado and the road system into Sweetwater is just not going to be an easy resolve. There's only so many places you'd be able to widen it and if there ever was a fire great numbers of people would not be able to evacuate safely, especially being that it is at the end of the road system. Therefore, in my mind it seems it needs to be scaled down to at least half of what it's proposing for primitive campsites, cabins as well as day useage. Those who are fortunate enough to come can enjoy this pristine place due to the fact that there has been a lot of people working together to save Sweetwater Lake and preserve all the uniqueness it has to offer.

This leads me to my next concern about the equestrian project. I hope you will listen to Adrienne Brink and Aura Schlegel! Please carefully take into consideration their points about location of the project to trail heads and preservation of wildlife open space! They know this area better than most, so please give careful thought to the pasture 2 & 3 in order to preserve these pasture lands. Furthermore, this is a critical call for the possibility for wildlife and all to enjoy.

I am not sure it is feasible to have the sit down restaurant there but that was really special for us and to come for that day use of the lake and trails as well as the restaurant. Since we've lived our last 18 yrs up the Colorado River Road the Sweetwater Lake became a beloved social spot for all of us out this way and for the day and camping visitors. It's been so missed since Covid and the new developments that have inevitably been happening. It's hard to please everyone but I am thankful we have a format to put our experiences and best thinking together in hopes to preserve the future of Sweetwater Lake and it's beautiful community.