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Comments: Comment of objection to the current proposal for the Sweetwater lake area. Having lived and visited the sweetwater lake area for the past 66 years, I am saddened to see the end of an iconic area. While improvements have been needed for a number of years, that same lack of improvement has kept the area largely unchanged over the years. We know that the amenities at the lake previous to the acquisition by the forest service preserved the natural environment of the lake and surrounding areas. So, let's try to replicate that situation. The current proposal is nothing more than urbanizing the lake. Put the camping locations around where the old cabins were or up on deadhorse flats, not in the irrigated pastures that serve many roles. I disagree with the statement in the proposal that they are already disturbed areas. In their current condition they provide wildlife habitat, wildfire buffer areas, and unequaled aesthetic value. If the proposed lodge doesn't have a functional kitchen, then don't build it. Just another building that we don't need. 10 to 12 primitive camp sites with some additional parking of 15 spaces and 6 to 8 horse trailer parking spaces are enough for the north side of the lake. On the south side where the proposed day use area is, only allocate 10 to 12 parking spaces and 4 trailer spaces for day use there. The proposed housing and employee housing should be limited to 2 small dwellings. perhaps utilizing the current F.S. cabin as one. How big of a maintenance facility do you need? Additionally, the location of it should be up behind the current F.S. cabin, away from any view corridor. I find it ironic that the people who are charged with protecting wildlife and the environment are working to destroy it.