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Comments: As a twenty year resident living on Sweetwater Road, I would like to register my strenuous objection to the proposal to develop Sweetwater Lake. There are many reasons I consider this proposal to be detrimental and even dangerous to both community residents and visitors:

1. The gravel access road is too narrow to be passable by two cars, especially if one of them is driving at too fast a speed to navigate the many sharp turns and potholes of this dirt road.
2. The road has in the past been closed and even evacuated due to wildfire risk. How will visitors be informed of this dangerous situation?
3. The presence of both wild animals, including bears, and livestock, pose a risk to both visitors and the animals. It is crucial to the survival of these animals to restrict the quantity of people accessing the Lake at any given time.
4. There are residents and workers out on the road daily. The threat of car accidents caused by visitors driving recklessly is substantial.

Visitors may not be aware of the many mudslides that occur on the road whenever it rains.

5. The property values residents have on a quiet rural road will be severely reduced by up to a hundred cars, trucks with trailers, and recreational vehicles making their way up and down a dirt road daily.
6. The area is home to a very sensitive ecosystem and wildlife habitat that will be affected greatly by visitors who act recklessly, throw trash and light illegal fires at camps.

You may wonder how we know that such behavior exists? It is because we, the residents do a voluntary cleanup twice per year and remove tons of rubbish and plastic bottles, beer cans and glass bottles that visitors throw out of their cars onto the road.