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Comments: Existing use at the SLDP site is exponentially lower than the capacity proposed by this NOI, and the SLDP designers apparently had no historical or existing usage data at their disposal during the planning phase.

I requested historical and existing usage data from both USFS and EVLT. USFS was only able to provide their own campground reservation data (attached), and EVLT admitted to having no usage information whatsoever (email thread attached). Since the parties proposing the SLDP admit ignorance of existing and historical usage, I personally undertook a two-day survey at the end of the seasonal closure period required per CPW for protection of the resident raptors.

Early on the afternoons of Sunday July 28 and Monday July 29, usage of the proposed Sweetwater Lake State Park was in the single digits. Attached are photos of all the USFS campsites at Sweetwater Lake, the lake surface, the dock/restaurant parking lots, and the equestrian parking area.

The peregrine falcons and bald eagles nesting above Sweetwater Lake are not accustomed to large, boisterous crowds. Increasing utilization of this site to anywhere near the level proposed in the NOI should automatically trigger CPW's recommended raptor protection buffer zones (line of sight from the nest at a bare minimum) and seasonal restrictions, or CPW should rescind the same statewide.

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