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Comments: I would like to ask that this park be envisioned as a new approach from other Colorado state parks an opportunity to restore the ecological and historical integrity of a high mountain environment, facilitate repairs from years of grazing impacts, and also improve cultural significance and interpretation. CMC, UCB or CSU research opportunities? Winter range, pollinators, or predator influences? How might the park be leveraged to improve the downstream water improvements, plus educating users as an example for use of sensitive upper altitude areas in the Flat Tops? If a state park is implemented, what resources might residents be provided to offset impacts, such as shuttles, noise mitigation, screening, and limiting overnight stays? What is the 20 and 50 year vision for the area to provide some context for acceptance? How will a park fit in to the development of plans at the Dotsero I70 exit and Colorado River Rd? Will the Rincon Mine resurface after all of the efforts to demonstrate it's not a contributor? How will future Eagle County zoning strategies protect the area, and its CPW wintering herd designation? Will more use increase wildfire risk such as random campfires and cig butts? How about evaluating fire protection and improved internet access in this area? Will sheriff patrols increase? Are additional BLM camping areas planned along the Colorado River Rd, which could influence the number of users in the area? Will potential marketing, if planned, drive more visitation? I do support a new state park at Sweetwater Lake, vs some of the previous uses, but am not in support of the current vision. As a local resident, I would like to continue conversations to develop a great outcome for the community and Colorado.