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Comments: Whenever paid parking or shuttles are not in effect, allow trailhead parking without limits or fees. This would give locals access opportunity outside of prime tourist season, when overuse is not an issue.

DO NOT TRANSFER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY TO THE COUNTY. In recent experience, I have seen the County ticket people for parking below a major gully in the road rather than risk their vehicles trying to cross it (Blue Lakes - if you can't maintain the road, you can't punish users for it) and give warning tickets to cars legally parked on a Forest Service Road.

At Blue Lakes, reopen the parking lot by the dam. Whatever Colorado Springs is supposedly doing, it is just to maintain their rights and allowing parking near the dam cannot interfere. Keep the current parking area open. This should about double the parking capacity (as well as allow hikers access to the trail without an unnecessary long walk up the road). The majority of the people visiting are there to see the goats; not going far, if at all, up the trail. There is no overuse concern at all for the trail. There is no need for limits, fees, shuttles or other management here.

At Mohawk Lakes, provide diagonal parking along each side of the road between the subdivision and the winter parking lot. This area has already been decimated of any natural value by razing all the trees. Parking capacity would be double or tripled. Users are hikers, cross-country skiers, and cabin users who have little impact on the trails or roads. There is no need for limits, fees, shuttles or other management here.