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Comments: Forest Service, Please TAKE NO ACTION and do not develop Sweetwater Lake Recreation Area! Colorado Parks and Wildlife proposed last week to ignore its own raptor protection guidelines at Sweetwater State Park. CPW's own Recommended Buffer Zones and Seasonal Restrictions for Colorado Raptors (2020) are "based on the best available science and professional judgement". It is enforced at the other State Parks including Staunton, Barr Lake and Fishers Peak. Why not Sweetwater? The Sweetwater Lake State Park plan will destroy over 100 acres of avian habitat that houses 100 species of breeding migratory birds, including 9 listed in the SWAP as species of greatest conservation concern. According to every metric we can measure, even CPW's own SWAP (approved 2026), avian species are in decline across the state and the world. They need our help and protections more than ever. That is the purpose of CPW's regulations: to protect wildlife from development. Additionally, the Park's Development Plan also recommends starting construction before the breeding season, which will deter Peregrine falcons and other raptors from nesting. I have also heard that this is great hunting grounds, I would hate to lose more of our hunting opportunities to development. Please do not develop Sweetwater Lake Area to be another tourist trap. Protect wildlife by following your own regulations. Protect our wilderness! Rebecca Burkhalter