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Comments: I have been riding horses out of Sweetwater for 30+ years. It's one of the last trailheads to the Flatops we can go that isn't congested with people. I don't know why government always thinks something wild and beautiful needs to be developed. Leave it alone.

Loads of hikers and dogs on those trails mixing with horses is an accident waiting to happen on a narrow trail. The isolation of riding those trails is a gift and less stress on the wildlife.

The dead end road is not safe when it comes to fires and mudslides with having 100's of people up there and we know it's a frequent occurrence. Presently driving a horsetrailer on that road is tight with meeting another vehicle. The road is not made for traffic.

Brinks outfitters are invaluable to that area as they keep the trails open. If you did anything to update the property put it in the restaurant. People enjoyed riding up just to eat there and enjoy the lake

Lastly I wish you would give less attention to trying to develop a wild area that doesn't need it and concentrate on clearing trails. So many other trails are in disarray. That's what we depended on the forest service to do decades past.

Again please leave it alone. People enjoy the place, not for the amenities but because it's one of the true places you can still enjoy feeling nature and seeing the night sky.