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Comments: I and my family are a decades long visitors to the Flattops Wilderness Area. I believe the wilderness experience is enhanced by the existing buffer of White River National Forest that surrounds the Wilderness Area. This experience includes witnessing fish and animals in their natural habitat, a sense of quiet natural surroundings, freedom from light pollution, and off-the-grid serenity enhanced by lack of cell phone coverage. These qualities are all threatened by options 2 and 4 that promote an almost urban level of services at Sweetwater Lake, directly adjacent to the boundary of the Flattops Wilderness Area. This proposal should not be pushed through and is in obvious conflict with USFS and CPW standards and guidelines. Bringing stores, employee housing, and water treatment facilities to Sweetwater Lake is inappropriate for what should be retained as a buffer for the Wilderness Area. I support options 1 and 3. Either "do nothing" or maintain it as a "primitive recreational experience". I have been a Colorado resident since 1973 and have witnessed continual pressure on public lands, be they BLM, National Forest, or Wilderness Area. We have the opportunity to do the right thing here and keep the Flattops Wilderness Area, and all of the fish, birds and animals that reside there, free from these harmful and inappropriate impacts. Thank you, Mollie Crispell