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Comments: Reasons for being against further development of Sweetwater Lake area:

The main attraction in this area is basically a box or dead end canyon. So there is no second way out of there is an area emergency (such as wildfire) that calls for evacuation.

In addition to that, the road in/out is not designed and is dangerous for the both the amount of traffic predicted by Colo State Parks AND the size of many recreational vehicles that would be using it. There are many places where two such vehicles could not pass each other on that road. I've seen personally some bad accidents on that road with the much smaller amount of traffic it has currently. In addition to this issue, both of the two counties (Eagle and Garfield), the 11 mile road runs through have said they do not have budget to redo the road or even plan to try to get it in the budget.

As for the Sweetwater Recreation area itself, I feel it needs little to no Federal Forest Service Management at this point. Maybe something like what is done with the Trapper's Lake area where most management is done by the lessee of the area according to Forest Service guidelines.