

## Sandy Hines

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**From:** Julie Rothschild <jujurothschild1@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 25, 2020 4:58 PM  
**To:** Commissioner Susan Thompson; Kristie Borchers; Sara Gutterman; Sandy Hines  
**Subject:** CO149 Pilot Program

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to express my most sincere and heartfelt plea that you do not approve any continuation of this program. I have been a homeowner in Hinsdale County since 1993 and have spent 4 to 5 months here every year since 1996. Until the last two summers I have loved my life here and have been an active community member. I have participated in revenue-making shows and art shows for Lake City Arts, have participated in fund-raising programs for the museum and have been a regular docent at the museum. I have been a 'trail angel', providing transportation to Spring Creek Pass for hikers, who contribute financially to Lake City businesses. None of these activities disrupt the gentle atmosphere of a small mountain town. This year the town has been recognized as a Gateway City for the Colorado Trail, and a part of the Dark Skies program. These important organizations can bring revenue for the local economy without harming the ecology of these beautiful mountains.

HOWEVER, in the last two years the increased OHV traffic has greatly greatly disrupted this atmosphere. We have heard the same from quite a few of our friends, both part-year residents and full-year residents. Basically, that this is not the town that we came to love and that our feelings and needs have been ignored in the changes that have been made. In the past we have enjoyed hiking in the backcountry, but the traffic on the back roads has made getting to our favorite trails such an ordeal that there is no pleasure left in the process. We recently heard from friends who had spent summers camping here that they had tried to do the same this year and were so shocked by the crazy noisy congestion that they turned around right away and went elsewhere.

We are so discouraged by the atmosphere of the area this year, especially because this small town is not equipped to handle such crowds, and the tundra and back-country, already under attack by climate changes, cannot survive this onslaught. And law enforcement is not sufficient to manage this traffic! The backroads and highway both have been sorely damaged and we do not have the budget to repair and maintain them.

OHVs are not certified for highway travel, are not safe on highways and only through amazing luck has there not been a terrible accident.

Since September 30 the change has been amazing. The quiet is reminiscent of our early days in Lake City.

We are aware of the need for revenue for the town businesses and in past summers have enjoyed patronizing these businesses. This year, because of Covid-19, we have stayed pretty much isolated, but had there not been the virus concerns, the huge crowds would have kept us away most of the time anyway. In the early years of our time here, there were a good variety of stores and restaurants, and I think that there could be again, even without the new crowds.

What worries us the most about the changes that the Pilot Program has brought is that the area will soon be damaged beyond repair and that a real treasure will have been destroyed FOREVER.

Thank you for your time and if I can answer any questions you may have about this letter, please let me know. I do love Lake City and I know that we all do. Let's just not ruin it for the people who have been a part of it and have loved it for a long time.

Sincerely, Julie Rothschild

## **Sandy Hines**

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**From:** henry rothschild <vhrothschild@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 27, 2020 8:11 AM  
**To:** Susan Thompson; Kristie Borchers; Sara Gutterman; Sandy Hines  
**Subject:** CDOT Pilot Project

Dear Hinsdale County Commissioners,

I'm writing to register my opposition to renewing the CO149 OHV waiver. My wife and I have been home owners in Hinsdale County for more than 25 years. I'm a retired attorney converted to a higher calling - currently as a licensed RN. Until Covid, I've worked for hospice programs in Santa Fe, Gunnison and Lake City. I've had the deep honor of helping many Lake City residents cross to Glory during my tenure as a hospice nurse and local resident.

Because of Lake City's recent vote to allow OHVs to operate in Town combined with CDOT's temporary permit to allow OHV travel on CO149 to County Road 30, Lake City has become an OHV Disneyland without having to pay any admission fee. It has become nationally recognized as the OHV Mecca. We are overrun. We have lost control and what's most disheartening for me is that as a community we have lost the ability to compromise. Both sides (Residents vs. Business) have galvanized. Anger and division prevail.

**COMPROMISE** is defined as "an agreement or settlement of a dispute that is reached by each side making concessions."

Here's the deal: Team Business will agree to recommend termination of OHV use on CO149; Team Residents will agree to a county bond issue or ad valorem tax increase for purchase and maintenance of additional acreage needed to expand and improve the existing OHV staging area on County Rd 30.

Both sides make concessions out of our superseding love for the community as a whole.

Respectfully submitted,

**V. Henry Rothschild**  
2454 Deer Trail Rd  
Tel: 2891

## Sandy Hines

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**From:** Kristie Borchers  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 31, 2020 10:52 AM  
**To:** Sandy Hines  
**Subject:** Fw: State Pilot Program

Kristie Borchers  
Hinsdale County Commissioner  
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**From:** Brian Ruff <rufftam@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 31, 2020 10:42 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]; Kristie Borchers <district2@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>  
**Subject:** State Pilot Program

Elected officials:

My name is Brian Ruff, and I am a Texas resident and visitor to Lake City, Colorado. We went for the first time this summer with our family of six and plan to return every year with other families every summer.

We also own OHVs and have welcomed the flexibility to drive on HWY 149 that has been provided by the State's Pilot Program. We are requesting the extension of the pilot program for another 3-5 years with possible expansion to include use of HWY 149 to Woodlake Park on the South Side and to the car wash or Elk Road on the North end.

These extensions allow residents and visitors of Lake City to access both access points to the Alpine Loop without having to use and store trailers. We loved the flexibility of being able to travel into town from the Castle Lakes campground in our OHV.

Without this program in effect, we, along with the families we travel with, would have to reconsider our summer trip location going forward. Thank you in advance for your consideration on this request.

Brian Ruff  
817-287-8820



## Sandy Hines

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**From:** Kristie Borchers  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 28, 2020 3:43 PM  
**To:** Susan Thompson; Sara Gutterman; Sandy Hines  
**Subject:** Fw: OHV

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**From:** Sylvia Ricks <sylviaricks@consolidated.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 28, 2020 3:38 PM  
**To:** Kristie Borchers <district2@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>  
**Subject:** OHV

We are visitors in Lake City, Colorado each summer. We also own an OHV. We enjoy being able to drive on HWY 149. The pilot program has been welcomed and we are requesting an extension for 3-5 years. If this is defeated, Lake City's economy will greatly be affected and visitors will stop coming to Lake City. Compare Silverton. And how it is doing so well. Your businesses will suffer. Thank you for your consideration. Bill and Sylvia Ricks; 137 Quail Creek; Lufkin, Texas 75904

Sent from my iPhone

## Sandy Hines

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**From:** Brian Rock <brianrock66@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 4, 2020 1:08 PM  
**To:** Sandy Hines  
**Subject:** OHV Pilot

Greetings,

My first visit to Lake City was 54 years ago and I, along with my family, have been seasonal residents South of town adjacent to Hwy 149. One of the many key attributes of our property is the fact that we hear nothing but Nature, that is until the OHV pilot program went into effect.

Now our days are filled with the beautiful sound of the wind sweeping through the Spruce trees, hummingbird buzzings...and the obnoxious noise of these silly little vehicles buzzing up and down the 149 road to town. I used to enjoy a good cup of coffee on one of our outdoor spaces in the morning - relaxing to the peace of the morning, but lately I choose to be indoors unfortunately.

The traditional and most common OHV user (from my observations when in town) has a questionably state (EPA) compliant exhaust system on their machine and rarely abides by state, local and county regulations for traffic laws. I have also witnessed their lewd violation of upper trail pathway right-of-way borders. (They are often seen on the Tundra) I also need not mention the issue of environmental pollution these little mal-tuned motors create!

I understand the need for Lake City to 'make a buck' but for the safety of these operators, I suggest they stay off 149 and use all noted OHV staging areas already provided. My Family donates graciously to make Lake City a better place for everyone, from the Arts programs to River conservation to the Sheriff's department.

OHV's are degrading the aesthetics of Lake City and I hope to (hear) none of them next year.

Respectfully,

Brian Rock

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## Sandy Hines

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**From:** John <bigjohnintexas@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 4, 2020 12:48 PM  
**To:** Sandy Hines  
**Subject:** OHV Pilot Program Comment

I am a State Police Conservation Officer in Texas. I discovered Lake City in 2013 while riding dual-sport motorcycles and have been back every summer since. During the past 2 years we have looked at purchasing property in Hinsdale County due to our love for the area. We have a little girl now who is two years old and our vacations have changed from mostly dual-sport motorcycle riding to mostly OHV riding to be more family friendly. Without the ability to drive our OHV on HWY 149, we would not be able to camp in Hinsdale County and travel the roads and areas we wish to see with our child. I understand why some people have reservations or are against OHV use in town and in particular on Hwy 149. I've seen the increased traffic that the pilot program has brought to the area. However, I believe that the enforcement of the laws and the education attempts have been good, and that there is room to further improve those good efforts to bring even more increases in compliance. My family would be forced to vacation elsewhere if OHV's were banned in town or on HWY149 again. As a point of reference, between fuel, food, shopping, and groceries we spend on average \$800-\$1k each summer in Hinsdale County. I hope that the program will continue so we can continue to support the community while visiting our favorite place on earth.

My suggestion for improving the experience for all users is the same I gave when I observed the OHV checkpoint in August: support local law enforcement and give them the tools to do their jobs, solicit more volunteerism for OHV education and etiquette (like the checkpoint), place more signage and interpretive panels that clearly set expectations for OHV users, and finally, enforce the laws. Also, 2020 was an extreme year in terms of outdoor recreation all over this country, including OHV use, primarily due to Covid-19. As those new visitors return throughout the years, the education and enforcement efforts will be realized and compliance will be further gained. I'd ask anyone to not judge the success of the entire program based on issues that potentially arose in 2020.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide my comment and thank you for being stewards of OHV recreation and opportunities. Have a safe winter and I look forward to seeing you next year!

John Rorie

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**From:** Kristie Borchers  
**Sent:** Friday, October 30, 2020 8:06 AM  
**To:** Sandy Hines  
**Subject:** Fw: Pilot program

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**From:** Jill Russell <jillrussell@ebby.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 29, 2020 8:25 PM  
**To:** Kristie Borchers <district2@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>  
**Subject:** Pilot program

We are yearly visitors to Lake City, Colorado. We also own OHV's and have welcomed the flexibility to drive on HWY 149 that has been provided by the State's Pilot Program. We are requesting the extension of the pilot program for another 3-5 years with possible expansion to include use of HWY 149 to Woodlake Park on the South Side and to the car wash or Elk Road on the North end. These extensions allow residents and visitors of Lake City to access both access points to the Alpine Loop without having to own, use and store trailers.

Thank you in advance for your consideration on this request



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**Lynn McNitt**

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**From:** Pattie Sacco <pasacco51@yahoo.com>  
**nt:** Thursday, November 5, 2020 12:42 PM  
**To:** Susan Thompson; Kristie Borchers; Sara Gutterman; Sandy Hines; Lynn McNitt  
**Subject:** Pilot Program Lake City Hwy 149/HOV

To whom it may concern,

We are summer guests of Woodlake Park in Lake City, and we own a OHV and have enjoyed the flexibility to drive on Hwy 149. However, we are asking for your consideration of the Pilot Program for another 3-5 years with possible expansion to include Hwy 149 to Woodlake Park on the South and the Toy Wash or Elk Road on the North end of town. This would allow residents and visitors to access both entry points to the Alpine Loop, as well as tour, shop and enjoy the restaurants in Lake City without having to trailer their OHV. We love coming to Lake City.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration on this request,

**Pattie Sacco**  
Bonham Texas

**Sandy Hines**

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**From:** Kristie Borchers  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 28, 2020 6:19 PM  
**To:** Susan Thompson; Sara Gutterman; Sandy Hines  
**Subject:** Fw: OHV Lake City Co

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**From:** KIRK SEAMAN <rkseaman@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 28, 2020 5:31 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]; Kristie Borchers  
<district2@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED];  
[REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED];  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** OHV Lake City Co

To whom it may concern:  
My name is kirk seaman who along with my wife Twila have been long time visitors to the beautiful city of Lake City Colorado. For the past several years we have stayed at the Elkhorn RV resort and have stayed at Castle Lakes Rv Resort. What attracts us to the city is the wide variety of extremely friendly and nice individuals who live and visit the city. Many of these individuals use OHV's to get around this great city. I have never felt that these individuals cause any disruption to my enjoyment of the city. They are always respectful of how they operate the OVH and have never caused me or my wife to not have a wonderful experience in your city. I suspect that the individuals contribute quite a bit to the economy of the city and would be a shame if merchants were to go out of business for lack of customers. Think hard before restricting the mobility of the OVH.  
Thank You  
Kirk and Twila Seaman





Thank you in advance for your consideration on this request.

Mick Scully  
Capitol International Productions, Inc.  
847-940-0030

Laura and Joe Schneider

803 Mustang Ln.

San Marcos, TX 78666

October 30, 2020

Zane Znamenack

State of Colorado

RE: Pilot program allowing ATV traffic on State Hwy 149 in Lake City, CO.

We have a 2<sup>nd</sup> home in Lake City, CO and try to spend 3-4 months there in the summer and fall months. During that time, we enjoy riding our four wheelers on mountain roads as do our family members and visitors. Traveling the whole Alpine Loop is a favored trip to us all. Being able to complete that trip without having to move a trailer from a parking area on county road 30 to another parking area on county road 20 (or vice versa) has been a very welcome benefit and has made the experience much more enjoyable. Riders starting from other cities along the loop didn't even have that as an option before this pilot program was started.

For those of us who live in homes in Ball Flats and Lake City Heights and can't get on Hwy 149 until the eight and half street bridge it was an even better experience this last year when the variance included parts of Hwy 149 further north of town. Previous to that folks were driving their ATVs on the shoulders of the road until they could get on the highway. It is now much safer with the ATVs in the regular traffic lanes. There are probably many other ATV riders further south of county road 30 at Woodlake Park and to the north of town in subdivisions off Elk Street that would benefit from the variance being expanded to their areas.

Since the State Highway Department started this pilot program, we have seen many more visitors to Lake City coming via the Alpine Loop in ATVs and OHVs. Business in town shops and restaurants has certainly increased during these last couple of years.

We would very much like to see the variance extended for 3-5 years for ATVs, OHVs, etc. permitted on Hwy 149 in Lake City and, hopefully, also expanded both south of county road 30 to Woodland Park and north of the town to Elk Street.

Thank you for your consideration.

Laura and Joe Schneider

Sandy Hines

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**From:** Kristie Borchers  
**Sent:** Friday, October 30, 2020 5:22 PM  
**To:** Sandy Hines  
**Subject:** Fw: ATV Pilot program on Hwy 149  
**Attachments:** ATV pilot program.docx

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**From:** lajohosch@gmail.com <lajohosch@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 30, 2020 4:03 PM  
**To:** Kristie Borchers <district2@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>; Kristie Borchers <district2@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>; Sara Gutterman <district3@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>  
**Subject:** ATV Pilot program on Hwy 149

Attached is a letter in support of extending the State Highway Department’s Pilot program allowing OHV and ATV on Hwy. 149 in Lake City, CO.  
Please include this letter in compiling feedback, opinion surveys and discussions concerning the continuation of the this pilot program.  
Feel free to copy this letter and send to other agencies, groups or other persons involved in making the decision about continuing this program.

Thank you,  
Laura and Joe Schneider

## Ann McCord

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**From:** Sandy Hines  
**Date:** Sunday, November 8, 2020 9:28 PM  
**To:** Ann McCord  
**Subject:** FW: Ohv pilot program

Sandy Hines

- County Administrator  
- Public Information Officer  
970-944-2225

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Melissa Seal <mseal2013@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 4, 2020 5:59 PM  
**To:** Sandy Hines <administrator@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>  
**Subject:** Ohv pilot program

The ohv pilot program in Lake City allows us to stay at the lake, drive the loop, stop for lunch in town and head back to the lake without trailering. This is what drew us to your town several years ago and we've been back every year since. We save our money every year for our annual and only vacation to your beautiful town every July. Each year our party grows as more friends and family join us. They begin the same tradition as us. We range from age 75 to a brand new baby coming in May 2021. Everyone rides at least a little bit. There is no better feeling than being high up in the San Juan's and feeling overwhelmed by God's amazing creations that he bestowed upon your beautiful town. Those mountains are my happy place and I am grateful you share that experience with us. We also enjoy all the activities put on by the chamber, business owners and whatever is going on in town while we are there. We have donated to the fire department, we visit and donated to the museum, bought way too many tickets for every raffle, play bingo and duck derby if we are there at the right time. We have come to learn locals names and stories. One of our favorite activities is the ghost tour, hopefully it is back next year. Please allow the freedom to feel the wind in our hair, the dirt on our face and peace of the ride. We understand that there are many people, especially this last year who failed to be respectful of the land and locals. I understand the frustration this must bring. By all means ticket the heck out them. I know if I lived in God's country I wouldn't want the dust or the fear of people driving recklessly. That's why we go slow. We keep it down in town and on the trail. There is no need to go fast, you'll miss it. But I also know that those tax dollars are extremely important for your town to function year round. There has to be a middle ground. Lay down the law, that will weed out those who have no respect for the land.

Again, thank you for sharing such a beautiful, breath taking place that will forever hold a place in heart.  
See you in July!

Sincerely,  
The Seal Family

Sent from my iPhone



## Sandy Hines

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**From:** Kristie Borchers  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 28, 2020 7:06 PM  
**To:** Susan Thompson; Sara Gutterman; Sandy Hines  
**Subject:** Fw: OHV Pilot Program

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**From:** Gerald Sharpe <lakecitysharpe@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 28, 2020 6:53 PM  
**To:** Kristie Borchers <district2@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>  
**Subject:** OHV Pilot Program

My wife and I are secondary homeowners in Lake City, Colorado, and also lived there for 27 years. The Pilot program has been very helpful for older folks, allowing them to use machines without the need for loading, unloading, and trailering every trip.

We use OHV's and have welcomed the flexibility to drive on HWY 149 that has been provided by the State's Pilot Program. We are requesting the extension of the pilot program for another 3-5 years with possible expansion to include use of HWY 149 to Woodlake Park on the South Side and to the car wash or Elk Road on the North end. These extensions allow residents and visitors of Lake City to access both access points to the Alpine Loop without having to own, use and store trailers.

This summer when we were there, being able to access the Car wash by the county shop would have been a great advantage as we had a machine in desperate need of cleaning.

Please accept our request, and Thank You for your consideration,

Jerry and Laura Sharpe

## Ann McCord

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**From:** Sandy Hines  
**At:** Sunday, November 8, 2020 10:01 PM  
**To:** Ann McCord  
**Subject:** FW: OHV Pilot Program

*Sandy Hines*

- County Administrator  
- Public Information Officer  
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**From:** S S <sschemm11@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 5, 2020 10:08 AM  
**To:** Sandy Hines <administrator@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>  
**Subject:** Fwd: OHV Pilot Program

I think it would fine if other things and rules were set as well. There needs to be speed limits posted because many utv drivers and atv drivers were driving entirely to fast on highways and trails; especially the roads by the lake. I saw many making their own paths and not staying the course. Definitely not practicing leave no trace behind!! I also saw under age kids driving!!!! Too many first time campers/utv users this year and their ignorance and lack of common sense showed. Too much of the well if they can so can we mentality.

So do I think it can be a good thing yes. But I think there are other things that need to be incorporated and policed (for lack of a better term) and enforced.

More signage is needed for speed limits and what is allowed and not allowed.  
Heavier fines and loss of access for even first time offenders. We start doing that and then I think we can cut down on some of these weekend warriors that say they dont know any better.  
Hopefully next summer alot of first timers go back to doing whatever they did before headed to the mountains.

We are not normally for more policing rule making etc...but dang it, we only have a certain amount of these ecosystems and wild left so we have to protect it and be the voice for it.

More education for UTVs and ATVs and campers.

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## Sandy Hines

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**From:** Larry Skoch <lskoch2524@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 28, 2020 10:25 AM  
**To:** Sandy Hines  
**Subject:** Fwd: ATV s

Have sent request that trustees reverse decision to allow ATVs into Lake City.....this is bad for our Town!

Larry Skoch  
405-534-0007

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Larry Skoch <[lskoch2524@yahoo.com](mailto:lskoch2524@yahoo.com)>  
**Date:** October 28, 2020 at 11:16:10 AM CDT  
**To:** [district1@hinsdalecountycolorado.us](mailto:district1@hinsdalecountycolorado.us)  
**Subject:** ATV s

Susan : you already know why seasonal homeowners and many locals(who located here for peace, quiet, clean environment) don't like ATVs in town...PLEASE ban ATV s in Lake City....focus on improving roads (especially Alpine Loop), so that even 4-wheel drive vehicles, like mine, can go through the loop....I hesitate on that road now, when 5 years ago , it was a lot better.... ATV encouragement will eventually not only hurt our environment, but also sink our commercial business....

ATV people are here for one or two weeks....permanent residents and seasonal homeowners are here much longer, and spend more money at local business's and restaurants...don't drive them away!

Larry Skoch  
405-534-0007

**Lynn McNitt**

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**From:** Kristie Borchers  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 8, 2020 5:18 PM  
**To:** Lynn McNitt  
**Subject:** Fw: OHVs and ATVs in Lake City

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**From:** Larry Skoch <lskoch2524@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 8, 2020 4:44 PM  
**To:** Sara Gutterman <district3@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>; Kristie Borchers <district2@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>;  
Dan Thompson <district1@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>; administrator@hinsdalecolorado.us  
<administrator@hinsdalecolorado.us>

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**Subject:** OHVs and ATVs in Lake City

Like many who own property and pay taxes in Lake City, we sincerely hope that the OHV "pilot program" will not be recommended or renewed. The negative environmental and safety impact have already been well documented, so I will not repeat them here.

It seems that the only perceived positive for ATVs in town is "increased business". Although it is questionable that this "positive" outweighs the long range impact on our community, if "increased business" is the only goal, there are many other marketing strategies that would "increase business" without the negative impact of OHV/ATVs in Lake City:

- \* **REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS:** It is baffling how town business have erratic and undependable business hours, even during the peak summer season.
- \* **SIGNAGE:** Signage perpendicular the the highway and streets. How many people drive through from Gunnison to Creede and vice versa and don't stop to shop or eat. Watching for pedestrian and vehicular traffic, especially during the summer, make it easy for tourists to drive through without noticing businesses. (We don't even have a large legible sign pointing one block off the highway to downtown restaurants, shops, galleries, museum, park, etc. We do have small signage on one side of highway, but it is visually camouflaged, again, as through-traffic watches for pedestrians and

traffic.)

CUSTOMER INFORMATION: Customer data (names, email addresses, text info, etc. could be collected for year-round sales promotion).

LAKE SAN CRISTOBAL: This gem makes are area unique! Needs to be promoted. Maybe a Winter Festival of skating, key, youth skiing, cross country skiing, basketball tournament, in addition to the ice-climbing festival. (Of course, road improvement is another issue.)

These are just a few suggestions to improve business without damaging the environment and peaceful ambience of our town. PLEASE consider reversing the decision to allow ATVs in town.

Respectfully,  
Larry Skoch

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both my properties as well as the Alpine Loop back country, Lake San Cristobal, etc, throughout the year.

Easy to understand rules that allow access for all vehicle types and users, throughout the year is also essential for the success of a business venture that I'm planning to locate at my 500 Gunnison property.

The pilot project has come to be associated with the Alpine Loop and Tourism. However, access to the highway for residents to plow in winter, run errands, access the back-country using their OHVs should be considered just as important.

The pilot program should be extended from Woodlake RV park south (or the CDot shop) to Elk Road north. It should be made year round. The pilot program should not be used to somehow dictate to residents and visitors when they can use the public highway or manage numbers of tourists that use OHV's. The weather and normal tourist season cycles will do that.

To limit noise, which is the only valid concern for vehicles on Hwy 149, speed limits should be lowered to 25 mph along the entire highway section where OHV's are permitted to operate. This will greatly help reduce noise just outside the city limits to both the north and south, where speed limits increase to 35+ as grades increase, requiring more power (to climb the hills and increase speed) and thus more noise. Encouraging everyone to slow down and enjoy the scenery is always a good thing and slower speeds make it safer for all types of highway users.





- We ask that you carefully listen to the voices of the many who visit and enjoy Lake City and continue the HWY 149 UTV access long into the future.

Harry and Kathy Siegfried

## Sandy Hines

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**From:** Kristie Borchers  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 31, 2020 10:18 AM  
**To:** Sandy Hines  
**Subject:** Fw: OHV situation

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**Sent:** Friday, October 30, 2020 9:08 PM

**To:** Susan Thompson <district1@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>; Kristie Borchers <district2@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>; Sara Gutterman <district3@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>; [REDACTED]

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**Subject:** OHV situation

To those this email is addressed to:

We are visitors each year to Lake City, Co. We, as a group, also use OHVs while visiting as it's one of the events that everyone in the family as well as friends that we bring love to do. It never gets tiring to see the beautiful area in and around Lake City, including the Alpine Loop. We love the flexibility to drive the OHVs on HWY 149. We learned that this isn't a permanent option but rather has been provided by the State's Pilot Program. I am respectfully asking you to extend the pilot program for another 5 years. I am even asking you to give strong consideration to expand this extension to include use of Hwy 149 to Woodlake Park on the South side and to the car wash or Elk Road on the North end. These extensions will allow residents and visitors of Lake City to get to both access points of the Alpine Loop without having to own, use, rent, and store trailers. If every OHV user, residents and visitors alike, are forced to own, use, and/or rent trailers, this creates an unsafe condition as we try to unload the OHVs, reload the OHVs, and find locations to park while navigating the Alpine Loop as well as staying at the places that we have rented for our time in Lake City. Additionally, it adds an unnecessary cost to OHV users. For those that decide to forego renting OHVs, it will hurt businesses that rent them and if one of the primary reasons that visitors come to Lake City is for the OHV fun, it could reduce Lake City tourism a bit. OHV people take their OHV fun very seriously but if the hassle is greater than the fun, visitors could go to locations that are OHV friendly.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Warm regards,

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*"We are not on this earth to see through one another, but to see one another through" anonymous*



## Sandy Hines

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**From:** Kristie Borchers  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 27, 2020 4:00 PM  
**To:** Sandy Hines; Susan Thompson; Sara Gutterman  
**Subject:** Fw: OHV Pilot Program

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**From:** lakeviewproperty@gmail.com <lakeviewproperty@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 27, 2020 3:33 PM  
**To:** Kristie Borchers <district2@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>  
**Subject:** OHV Pilot Program

Kristie,

*~~French Snow~~*

*Brian Snow*

I am a business owner in Lake City, Colorado. I represent over 45 properties as a property management company. Many of our visitors own OHV's and have welcomed the flexibility to drive on HWY 149 that has been provided by the State's Pilot Program. I am requesting the extension of the pilot program for another 3-5 years with possible expansion to include the use of HWY 149 to Woodlake Park on the South Side and to the car wash or Elk Road on the North end. These extensions allow residents and visitors of Lake City to access both access points to the Alpine Loop without having to own, use and store trailers.

The economic impact to the town of Lake City and Hinsdale County would be widely felt if this Pilot Program is not renewed which would hurt many businesses already reeling due to the flood threat in 2019 and now the COVID issues in 2020 which looks to continue into the 2021 season.

Thank you in advance for your consideration on this request.

 Brian Snow

Lakeview Property Management

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## **Sandy Hines**

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**From:** tannahsnow@gmail.com <tannahsnow@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 27, 2020 3:42 PM  
**To:** Kristie Borchers <district2@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>  
**Subject:** OHV Pilot Program

Kristie,

I am a secondary homeowner in Lake City, Colorado. We also own OHV's and have welcomed the flexibility to drive on HWY 149 that has been provided by the State's Pilot Program. I am requesting the extension of the pilot program for another 3-5 years with possible expansion to include the use of HWY 149 to Woodlake Park on the South Side and to the car wash or Elk Road on the North end. These extensions allow residents and visitors of Lake City to access both access points to the Alpine Loop without having to own, use and store trailers.

Thank you in advance for your consideration on this request.

**Tannah Snow**  
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