

## Sandy Hines

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**From:** Kristie Borchers  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 31, 2020 12:21 PM  
**To:** Sandy Hines  
**Subject:** Fw: OHV and ATVs on HWY 149

Kristie Borchers  
Hinsdale County Commissioner  
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**From:** Joyce Stapleton <lakecitygal@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 31, 2020 11:56 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**cc:** Kristie Borchers <district2@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>  
**Subject:** OHV and ATVs on HWY 149

Dear Zane Zyamenacek,

My husband and I are primary home owners in Hinsdale Country. We own and use OHV's and appreciate the flexibility to use HWY 149 that has been available through the State's Pilot Program. We are requesting a 3-5 year extension of this program and hope it would include Elk Road on the north to Woodlake Park on the South.

This allows locals and visitors access to both sides of the Alpine loop, as well as the car wash.

The locals and visitors shop and eat at local businesses. This income is critical for our local businesses and tax dollars income.

A very few individuals are complaining about the noise and inconvenience. However, many of the dirt bikes, motorcycles and 4 wheel drive vehicles are also noisy.

Please do not allow a few naysayers to ruin this Pilot Program.

Thank you for listening to our concerns and hopefully extending this wonderful Pilot Program.

Yours In good Faith,

Joyce Stapleton  
2100 San Juan Springs Dr  
PO Box 1132  
Lake City, CO 81235  
Sent from my iPhone

## Sandy Hines

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**From:** Kristie Borchers  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 29, 2020 4:11 PM  
**To:** Sandy Hines  
**Subject:** Fwd: OHVs

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Max Slaughter <max@maxphotography.net>  
**Date:** October 29, 2020 at 1:07:49 PM MDT  
**To:** Kristie Borchers <district2@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>  
**Subject:** OHVs

Dear Ms Borchers,

Through my wife's family I am a secondary homeowner and frequent visitor to Lake City, Colorado. We also own or use 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 use of HWY 149 to Woodlake Park on the South Side and to 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.

Max Slaughter

Clarksville Ar

October 19, 2020

Michael Goolsby, Region 3 Director  
Colorado Department of Transportation  
222 South 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Room 317  
Grand Junction, CO 81501-2769

Concerning: The Off-Highway Vehicle Pilot Project on Hwy 149

Dear Mr. Goolsby:

This letter is in protest to the pilot program initiated by CDOT Region 3 for Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) to travel on Hwy 149 South of Lake City.

Our full-time residence since 2006 is on Hummingbird Lane that exits off of Hwy 149 approximately 100 yards from mile marker 70, near the center of the pilot project under study. Due to my longevity at this location I feel uniquely qualified to provide a report on the conditions of this study area. My concerns are listed below:

- 1) It should also be noted that the map attached to your July 19, 2018 Memorandum to the Transportation Commission illustrates the pilot area as a near straight line. This section of the highway is certainly not straight, including dangerous curves, blind entrance driveways, and narrow shoulder drop-offs. I have walked along the shoulder of this section of Hwy 149 in the past; however, now it is no longer safe. There is simply not enough room to walk by the side of the pavement, away from the increased traffic.
- 2) There is one, short straight section near MM 70 that I must slow down to turn left off the highway onto Hummingbird Lane, and more than once, been passed on the left by speeding vehicles.
- 3) Generally, the OHVs are very noisy. With mountains on either side, the sound carries throughout the valley. CDOT should accurately measure the noise level in this area.
- 4) CDOT carries a standard for vehicles that are allowed on highways, primarily for safety. These OHVs are not qualified and should not be allowed specifically due to safety concerns.
- 5) The pilot has made the alpine loop into a speedway. The OHVs are capable of much greater speed and your pilot program completing this loop is facilitating or enabling this insatiable desire to hurry, resulting in unsafe conditions.
- 6) CDOT by state statute, specifically Section 33-14.5-108(a) C.R.S. may designate a public road open to OHVs, however there is no structure defined to implement this decision, such as mandatory signage and public notification including local sheriff, state police, and affected residence driveways and side roads.

Please picture in your mind logging trucks, bicycles and OHVs on the same narrow, mountainous highway, with no shoulders, blind turns and residential driveways. How can this be safe for public transportation? The primary CDOT mission should be public safety.

In summary, by allowing OHVs on this already dangerous section of mountainous road, CDOT is not providing safe travel on this section of state highway 149, a primary and fundamental mission of your organization. The OHV pilot program should be immediately abandoned.

Respectfully Submitted.

H. Bruce Stephens  
2272 Hummingbird Lane  
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970-944-2768  
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## Ann McCord

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**From:** Sandy Hines  
**nt:** Sunday, November 8, 2020 9:41 PM  
**To:** Ann McCord  
**Subject:** FW: Pilot Project

Sandy Hines

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

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

**From:** Steve <steve9323@att.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 4, 2020 7:59 PM  
**To:** Sandy Hines <administrator@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>  
**Subject:** Pilot Project

We stayed in Lake City for the first time this August-September and loved riding the loop which required us to ride a ways on Highway 149. We plan on coming back in September next year with friends.

Sent from my iPhone





----- Forwarded message -----

From: James Sweet <james@jamesweet.com>

Date: Thu, Oct 22, 2020 at 3:52 PM

Subject: The CO149 OHV Pilot Program

To: [REDACTED]

To Whom It May Concern,

We are 44-year residents and business owners in Lake City and Hinsdale County. We have seen a lot of changes in that time, some good and some not so good. But the shortsighted, arrogant decision to override Colorado State law and allow Off Highway Vehicles (OHVs) on the State Highway is by far the worst. A Court of Law decided in 2018 that it was illegal for OHVs to operate on State Highways. Period. Yet the powers-that-be found a way to ignore that law and implement the OHV Pilot Program.

The CO149 OHV Pilot Program has negatively impacted the community of Lake City and Hinsdale County in several ways:

- A significant and harmful increase in noise pollution
- Increases in dust in the air and a corresponding increase in respiratory distress especially within older citizens
- Damage to the dirt roads throughout the county
- A rise in dangerous conflicts with legal vehicles on the highway
- Increased costs in terms of maintenance and no commensurate fees to cover those costs as OHVs pay no fees

Now, those same powers-that-be want to continue to ignore State Law and extend the CO149 Pilot Program not just geographically but also to a full twelve months of the year. The main proponents of the extension of the CO149 OHV Pilot Program are a small number of Lake City residents who simply want to be able to drive their OHVs wherever and whenever they want. The residents of Hinsdale County have not been given a voice nor have they been allowed to participate in the decision about the CO149 OHV Pilot Program because voting on the issue was limited only to Lake City residents rather than the entire county. This small cadre of people have been able to maneuver around the laws and shove their selfish desires down the throats of the residents of Hinsdale County. That isn't fair and it isn't right!

Because OHV riders do not pay fees, as do owners of legal vehicles, the burden of paying for the damages they cause is shouldered by the taxpayers of Hinsdale County the majority of whom don't own an OHV. Yet again this isn't fair and it isn't right!

We are not opposed to change and embrace the notion that change is needed in order for there to be progress. However, we do not feel the overriding State Law and allowing vehicles that by their very name – Off Highway Vehicles – are not meant to be operated on State Highways is a change that results in progress. Hinsdale County generally and Lake City specifically have always been where people can come to experience the magnificence of the natural beauty of Colorado. It is our opinion that OHVs do not contribute to the experience of the beauty of Colorado, rather they detract from it. That said, we also don't believe they should be done away with. We respect the rights of people to live and recreate how they want as long as they do so within established laws.

Creede Colorado, a town roughly the same size as Lake City, allows OHVs on only one street within the city. They have had this ordinance since 2016 and have had zero issues with it. OHV riders adhere to it without complaint. There are staging areas where OHV riders can unload and drive their vehicles on appropriate roads and trails. This is a system that works and is well understood by OHV riders. It also is in line with other states that similarly legislate OHVs.

We are asking you to discontinue the CO149 OHV Pilot Program. We want a community that is manageable for all and where residents, visitors and OHV riders can co-exist harmoniously. We do NOT want to be the only community in the state that has willfully ignored a law just so a few people can do whatever they want at the expense of the rest.



Sincerely,

 George Hoffman and Lonnie Sweet



**Sandy Hines**

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**From:** Kristie Borchers  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 29, 2020 8:54 AM  
**To:** Sandy Hines  
**Subject:** Fw: Continue OHV Pilot Program for Hinsdale County

Kristie Borchers  
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**From:** Nic Tarasewicz <nick.a.tarasewicz@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 29, 2020 8:15 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
<district1@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>; Kristie Borchers <district2@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>; Sara Gutterman <district3@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>; [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Continue OHV Pilot Program for Hinsdale County

Dear Sir or Madam:

Please accept this letter voicing support for preserving off-highway vehicles (OHV) access through Lake City, Colorado, as a part of the Alpine Loop along Hinsdale County Road 20 and County Road 30 via Colorado Highway 149. Further expansion of this route to the Woodlake Campground in the south, and the Toy Carwash on the north end of town, to allow for complete access of OHVs throughout town is also requested.

I am the son of the owners and operators of The Sportsman Outdoor and Fly Shop with premises along the southern end of Lake City on Colorado Highway 149 within Hinsdale County. Since before my first birthday, my parents have run the business, and I have had the privilege to call Lake City my home for the last 23 years of my life. I have grown up working with them in the shop and return from university to work full-time during the summer season to help out. All local businesses, not just my family, rely on this short period to survive and keep afloat. We all recognize the delicate balance that is walked between being able to make a living or sinking.

There has been a distinct difference between pre- and post-OHV pilot program implementation. A substantial increase recognized by OHV tourism visitors in all business segments throughout town has truly uplifted the community and has increased overall town prosperity. The influx of OHV visitors expands to all access domains the area provides: fishing,

hiking, dining, shopping, lodging, and camping. By opening up the roads to these visitors, they reciprocate in-turn by giving back to the community and allowing us to grow.

Despite dangers from wildfires, flooding, and most recently COVID-19, the one group of summer income the town can rely on comes from OHVers. They recognize the hardships we all face and do their best to stop by despite less than ideal circumstances. Without this level of dedication, the town would have suffered more than it already has these last few years.

I am currently a graduate student studying geophysics. I always thought such a level of education would be outside of the range of possibilities accessible to me. While I admit scholarships and loans are helpful, my parents' support has been the main reason I have been able to pursue my dreams, which would not have been possible without OHV tourism's sustenance.

Lake City is a community predicated on its resident's love and respect for nature. Our survival is sustained through the town's willingness to open our arms to those who wish to visit. It is not an easy life, but it is rewarding. To revoke support for the OHV program would be sentencing us to face financial downturn and hardship. I implore your continued support for this program, for our welcomed visitors, and for our community.

Sincerely,  
Nicolas Tarasewicz



forced, like other local businesses, to reduce greatly my inventory. In fact, I will have to eliminate preseason orders that I've already submitted. Without the OHV market segment, there simply is no one around to buy product.

We certainly respect the need for regulation and enforcement. If there are issues, let's discuss them and enable enforcement of existing and common-sense regulations. We want to encourage smart, respective growth. We do not encourage the vilification of individual visitor groups such as we've seen with OHV enthusiasts.

In the past three years, we have faced drought, flood, and now pandemic. Through it all, the OHV community has supported us and without them, I doubt that we could have come through it. Now the pandemic continues, as has yet another drought this year. Frankly, I don't know what will happen next year, but water conditions, snow-pack, and continued pandemic are huge factors that could put many of us over that edge.

I'm busy working to keep my business afloat and viable and keep my family going. I encourage safe and regulated OHV use, including the continuation of the program to enable OHVs to use Highway 149. I encourage you to enable this use. Maybe then we business owners in Lake City can pay our mortgages; put food on the table; raise our children; and sleep again.

Kay Tarasewicz  
Co-owner, The Sportsman Outdoors & Fly Shop

## Sandy Hines

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**From:** Kristie Borchers  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 29, 2020 8:52 AM  
**To:** Sandy Hines; Susan Thompson; Sara Gutterman  
**Subject:** Fw: Lake City - Hinsdale County OHV/ATV Access

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**From:** Tony Tarasewicz <threeeagle25@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 29, 2020 7:44 AM  
**To:** Kristie Borchers <district2@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>  
**Subject:** Lake City - Hinsdale County OHV/ATV Access

Dear Ms. Borchers,

Please accept this letter of my support in favor of continuing the pilot program allowing off road vehicle (OHV) access between Hinsdale County Road 20, extending to the Toy Carwash, on the north and County Road 30, extending south via Colorado Highway 149 to Woodlake Park for the purpose of completing the Alpine Loop and providing access to the town.

I am one of the owners and operators of The Sportsman Outdoor and Fly Shop located in Hinsdale County at the edge of Lake City's southern boundary on Colorado Highway 149. This iconic business is one of the oldest (established in 1955) and the largest retail, tour, and guide service provider in Hinsdale County.

During the last 23 years, we have had the privilege of living in and raising our family in this small community in which we are heavily invested with a business and home here. However, our business is almost 100-percent reliant on tourism, and it is extremely difficult to make it here with such a short tourism season and being in such an out-of-the way, unknown location. We, like all of the other businesses in Lake City, have about an 8- to 10-week time period in which we must bring in enough income "to make it" for the entire year. Believe me, there have been years where "making it" caused difficulties for many families here, including my own.

Since the increase in OHV activity, and especially with the advent of the pilot program that enables riders to connect the Alpine Loop using Highway 149, we have seen a substantial increase of positive cash-flow to our business and the community as a whole. Without this improved revenue, we do not believe we could afford to send our child to college without having to take on even more of a debt load than what we already have. Additionally, we have been able to bring

on additional staff to accommodate the increase in business, again increasing the overall economic status of our town and county.

OHV enthusiast who have ridden through Lake City from the other side of the Alpine Loop have often returned to stay with our lodging facilities, again supporting restaurants and shops, and essentially the whole community. They are appreciative of our small town and want to support it and the people who call it home.

With recent flood threats, droughts, and pandemics, we do not have the luxury of vilifying and alienating any group of visitors. That is not what an inclusive, welcoming, considerate, and sharing community would do. Issues can be resolved with considerate communication and enforcement of rational regulations.

I also feel that the year-round viability of this small community should not be sacrificed for the benefit of a small group who feel that "any" tourist growth is offensive and unacceptable. This same group fighting against OHVs today have often fought against other groups of tourists, and this is just the latest group to receive their rage.

I and my family live here year-round and try to make a living here. We appreciate anyone's contribution to community. But it is not a Shangri-la for the well-off and well-placed. Without the contribution of OHVs, which is enabled by the Highway 149 program, the community will again be facing sales tax shortfalls, closures, and bankruptcies, which I and other community businesses have often seen over the years, and continually battle against ourselves.

Sincerely,

**Tony Tarasewicz**  
**(720)209-4073**





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.

Kevin Wilson and Zach Hodges

## Sandy Hines

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**From:** Kristie Borchers  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 27, 2020 10:07 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Susan Thompson; Sara Gutterman; Sandy Hines  
**Subject:** Re: OHV Support

Barry -

Thank you so much for the information. I'm copying the remainder of our BOCC on this email. I hope that you and Steve will continue (if possible) to join me for the Friday Coffee Talks (let me know if you need that link).

You have my numbers, let me know if you need anything else and I secretly hope you spend the majority of the winter in San Juan Ranch 😊

Kristie Borchers  
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**From:** Barry Thompson <barryathompson1@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 27, 2020 9:37 PM  
**To:** Kristie Borchers <district2@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** OHV Support

Hello Kristy,

I hope this email finds you well! It's hard to believe the summer has come and gone and we completed our Fourth Year at Tis the Season. We are spending the winter again in Denver but Lake City is always in our heart and soul!

With the summer season over, I wanted to take this opportunity to share with you as both a property owner in Hinsdale County (San Juan Ranch Estates) and business owner, Tis the Season my continued support of OHV's in our city and county. The past two years have brought record sales to my business which in turn, creates a greater revenue for the city, county and state. It is my hope we can see this continue for the years to come. As you know, my business sits at the corner of Gunnison and Second Street, a crossroads for most of our traffic in town. It has been my experience that MOST drivers of ALL makes of vehicles obey the guidelines in our city. And as would be expected, there are vehicles of all kinds that sometimes do not. I am not in favor of discriminating against any one type in our city.

I do hope you will share this letter with all concerned when the issue is reviewed for the coming year(s).

Thanks again and I look forward to seeing you again soon,

Barry Thompson

Owner Tis The Season

Resident in San Juan Ranch Estates

405-714-8112

[barryathompson1@gmail.com](mailto:barryathompson1@gmail.com)

October 30, 2020

Ladies and Gentlemen:

My family has a secondary home in Lake City, Colorado. We own OHV's and have welcomed the flexibility to drive them on HWY 149 which 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 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.

While this would greatly enhance our experience in Lake City by allowing more flexibility in using our OHVs, it will benefit the local economy/businesses as well. As of now, have to trailer our licensed OHVs that we keep in Lake City (registered and road legal) and then by the time we load the trailer, drive to the trailhead, unload, ride the trails, and then get back and load them back on the trailer at end of the day - we are ready to head to the house. I don't think this is unique to our family and due to these challenges, we don't have the incentive to stop in town and look for places to park pulling a trailer. On the other hand, If we could get on the RZR and ride it to the trails, it is easier and much more convenient to stop in town on the way to/from and support the local economy and businesses.

Thank you in advance for your consideration on this request.

Sincerely,



Mitchell B Todd

## Sandy Hines

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**From:** Kristie Borchers  
**Sent:** Friday, October 30, 2020 8:42 AM  
**To:** Sandy Hines  
**Subject:** Fw: OHV Pilot Program for Lake City  
**Attachments:** OHV letter for Lake City.pdf

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**From:** Mitchell Todd <mitchell@toddpa.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 30, 2020 8:38 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED] Susan Thompson <district1@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>;  
Kristie Borchers <district2@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>; Sara Gutterman <district3@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>; Lake  
City, Colorado <[REDACTED]>; Mayor, Bruce [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>;  
[REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>;  
[REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>;  
[REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>;  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>;  
[REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>;  
**Subject:** OHV Pilot Program for Lake City

Please see my attached letter regarding operations of OHVs in Lake City. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,  
  
Mitchell B. Todd, MAI  
President & CEO  
Todd Property Advisors  
6849 Elm Street  
Frisco, TX 75034

Phone # 214) 297-9000 Ext. 1002



We ask that the OHV's be allowed to be on 149 North of town to Elk Rd. That would enable all of our neighborhood in San Juan Hills to more often frequent the businesses in town and support the local economy and our local friends that we have grown to know and love over the many years.

Thank you for your consideration,  
Tracy Johnson Todd

"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace." 1 Peter 4:1

## Sandy Hines

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**From:** Kristie Borchers  
**Sent:** Monday, November 2, 2020 9:51 AM  
**To:** Sandy Hines  
**Subject:** Fw: HWY 149 Pilot program extension

Kristie Borchers  
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**From:** Traci Toone <stoone1969@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 2, 2020 5:51 AM  
**From:** Kristie Borchers <district2@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>  
**Subject:** HWY 149 Pilot program extension

I am a visitor in Lake City, Colorado. I own and rent locally 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 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 and use and store trailers.

**Shane Toone**

Thank you in advance for your consideration on this request



## Sandy Hines

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**From:** Betty Touchon <btouchon@att.net>  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 25, 2020 1:39 PM  
**To:** ~~richard.moore@state.co.us; CDOT Region 2 Manager; Sara Gutterman; CDOT 60448; Pilot Program Project Manager; Sarah Hines; Sandy Hines; Commissioner; Kristin Borchers; Sara Gutterman; Sandy Hines; Mayor Bruce Vierheller; Trustee Michelle Martin; Trustee Richard Moore; Trustee Dave Roberts; Trustee Doug Hamel; Trustee Jud Hollingsworth; Trustee Jesse Kendall; Town Manager Caroline Mitchell~~  
**Subject:** OHV Pilot Program Hwy 149, Lake City, Co.

Dear Mr. Goolsby,

We are not in favor of OHV's traveling south of Lake City on Hwy 149 to the Lake Cristobal exit or extending travel to the CDOT shop south of town.

We do not see a need to make Hwy 149 open year round for OHV's

We have had a home at Vickers Ranch for 20 years. What was once a peaceful environment in the mountains has become a noise nightmare.

We are awoken at 5:30 - 6:00 am in the summer to the roar of 10, 15, 20, OHV's going down Hwy 149 to the Lake San Cristobal exit. I have counted them.

In the evening, sitting out on our deck is no longer an enjoyment because all of the OHV's coming back to town.

I understand there is a 9:00 pm curfew for OHV's being on the highway, but they have traveled up to 10:30 at night.

The proponents of continuing and extending travel on Hwy 149 say, " Well, it was the same thing when jeeps started traveling on the highway and the Alpine Loop." No it wasn't. Viewing the Alpine Loop in a jeep going 5-10 mph and stopping to let others by was the norm.

With OHV's, it is how fast they can make it around the Loop. They ride your bumper and start waving at you to let them by, leaving you covered with dust and grit.

The noise and speed of OHV's in town is another nuisance.

Lake City is a small town with limited law enforcement for its size. The town is being overwhelmed by OHV's and cannot keep up with the demand of enforcement of speed, lack of wearing helmets, seat belts, and safety seats for small children.

I have seen babies being held by their mother while riding over rough terrain. I am concerned about Shaken Baby Syndrome.

We are concerned for our community,

Betty and Tony Touchon  
1297 Golden Pearl Lane  
Vickers Ranch  
Lake City, Colorado 81235

## Sandy Hines

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**From:** Miriam Truitt <miriamtruitt@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 20, 2020 10:52 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Opposition to Extension of CO149 Pilot Program

Dear Mr. Znamenacek,

Contrary to Mr. Ron Bruce's declaration that those of us opposed to the CO149 Pilot Program are screaming with indignation is not true. I am speaking reasonably and with clarity. I am a 44-year resident of Lake City and Hinsdale County. I currently own two properties that are affected by the use of OHV's. I do not wish to see the program extended, I want to see it eliminated all together.

My first reason is the noise factor, while Mr. Bruce does not live anywhere close to CO149 his life is not disrupted by the constant noise these vehicles put out. I have one property a half a block from CO149 and the noise from these machines have caused many conversations to stop and re-continued due to a pack of 10 to 20 OHV's revving up their engines to get up Crooks Hill. I can only imagine how nerve racking it must be to those who actually live on CO149. Aside from the noise that those of us who live close enough to hear this deafening noise we have to endure, there is the wildlife to consider as well. The noise from these machines have changed the migration and habits of the local wildlife. I used to have an abundance of wildlife at my cabin on Engineer Pass, since the advent and increase of OHV traffic I no longer have any wildlife in my meadow. That's a sad change after more than 20 years of enjoying the peace and solitude of the high country.

Contrary to Mr. Bruce and The Alpine Outdoor Association I have never been given the opportunity to vote on this matter. I live in the county and the vote they had was only for OHV use in the Town limits of Lake City. No one has asked any of us that are actually affected by these OHV's to vote. So they have actually misrepresented us as a community in total. In actuality the Group is in the minority. Also as for financial benefit, I have seen more business close since the inception of the Pilot Program, and I have a 44-year history to compare it to. I am not by any means benefiting by any great increase in my health, wealth and happiness from the CO149 Pilot Program.

Please listen to those of us who actually have to endure and live with the consequences of the constant droning of OHV's screaming by our home, with little to no law enforcement. Which is another reason to stop the CO149 Pilot Program all together. We do not have the economic resources to patrol and control the increased traffic to our community. Since we are constantly being told we may not charge any fees for these unlicensed vehicles to speed by our homes and tear up our roads because laws prevent us from doing so. So we locals get stuck paying the bills and we just can't afford it. We are just a small community with limited money.

Please do not extend the CO149 Pilot Program, PLEASE stop it all together.

Thank you for your unbiased ear.

Sincerely,  
Miriam Truitt  
P.O. Box 573



we allow jeeps, we can allow off-road vehicles. Issues such as noise can (and probably should) be addressed with ordinances but all that is easy to do.

Moreover, the business that vehicle use brings to Lake City is necessary to keep the city well maintained. People visiting the area spend in the local restaurants, shops and cabins, all helping preserve the charm of Lake City.

Please consider extending the program and if noise or other issues are on the minds of people, lets find a collaborative way to address those concerns. It is all about respect for the mountains and keeping Lake City alive and well.

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