



UNCOMPAGRE VALLEY TRAIL RIDERS

PO BOX 3503 MONTROSE, COLORADO 81403



October 28, 2020

Lake City Leaders,

Dear Community Leaders,

I am writing to express our support for the flexibility of accessing by ATV and UTV on Highway 149. Our view is that motorized trail riding opportunities in the area support a vibrant economy for local businesses. That reason, plus the observation that a robust riding resource contributes significant value to the quality of life for residents and visitors on the Western Slope.

Our group, the Uncompahgre Valley Trail Riders is a motorized club promoting winter time snowmobile riding and summertime ATV riding opportunities. Our club is currently made up of 154 families, mostly from the immediate Montrose area. We are active in volunteer activities namely grooming 95 miles of trails on Forest Service land in the winter time for public use after every major snowfall. And we maintain 91 miles of 50 inch trails on area FS land for public ATV use. Our motorized mission does not conflict with non-motorized as we co-exist in the wild in a friendly and cooperative manner.

We also value our good working relationship with local USFS and BLM offices and personnel. We truly have a partnership type interaction with these good folks. And we highly value the good working relationship we have with cities and counties in our area. Lake City is one of the major stop-overs when our members traverse trails in the area. Please keep the access available for unencumbered use.

Sincerely,

Mark Hollingshead

Vice-President Uncompahgre Valley Trail Riders

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October 20, 2020

To Whom it May Concern:

As we navigate next steps for Highway 149 in Lake City with OHV access, I request a thoughtful and transparent process take place moving forward with the pilot program. I am interested in seeing data from the past two years of the pilot program and a plan of possibilities laid out. As decisions are made, it is important to review and reflect on the pilot implementation before making commitments moving forward.

The significant shift in tourism and transportation this summer with the pilot program needs to be addressed. Regardless of opinion, a purposeful and thoughtful plan moving forward should be created in regards to the safety of our community while balancing respecting year round residents and setting up successful business access.

In knowing the 2019 town ballot initiative passed in support of the pilot program, moving forward we must cohesively collaborate to address the increase of traffic and safety. In working with an effort to address our backcountry, year round families, and tourism are vital for the vision and future of Lake City. Now is the time to come together from all perspectives to proactively address the population increase and interest of our town.

While this task has no simple solution, it must be a priority to our community to bring a diverse and positive group together to actively meet the needs, vision, and future of our community, land, and tourism.

The steep increase of visitors and new homeowners this year is welcomed and necessary for our community to grow and we must actively address the spike in traffic through our town and backcountry.

In providing access to our community, it is vital to have expectations, regulations, and enforcement just as there is for other transportation options. I believe we must be leaders in protecting, promoting, educating and valuing our community and outdoor recreation.

Please feel free to reach out with any questions. I appreciate the consideration of all parties involved and the ultimate future and well being of our community.

Thank you,

Lily Virden | 38° North
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Sandy Hines

From: Lily Virden <lilyvirden@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2020 5:23 PM
Subject: Lake City HWY 149 Pilot Program
Attachments: HWY149 Pilot Program - Google Docs.pdf

Hello,

Please find the attached letter in regards to the pilot program on 149 in Lake City. Please reach out with any questions or follow up comments you have. Thank you for reading as we dive into a thoughtful process!

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Lily Virden
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Phillip H. Virden
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October 21, 2020

Colorado Department of Transportation
Hinsdale County Commissioners
Town of Lake City

RE: Colorado Highway 149 Pilot Program

To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to comment on the Colorado Highway 149 pilot program allowing OHV traffic in and south of Lake City. I have lived in Lake City for 47 years and am a businessowner and homeowner.

Here is what I have witnessed this last summer with the increased OHV traffic along Highway 149:

- A substantial increase in OHV visitors to Lake City.
- A substantial increase in visitors to Lake City from all types of vehicles.
- An increase in noise from the increased volume of traffic.
- An increase in speeding by vehicles (of all types) on Highway 149 from Lake City south to the turnoff to Lake San Cristobal.
- An increase in speeding by vehicles (of all types) on Lake City's residential streets.
- An increase in parking problems due to the increased number of trailers transporting OHV vehicles.
- From my business located at 811 Gunnison Avenue, I have regularly witnessed an increase in speeding vehicles from Highway 149 on 8th Street to Bluff Street.
- From my business location, I have regularly witnessed an increase in vehicles running the stop sign located at 8th Street and Silver Street.

Besides the increase of vehicular traffic, I see more congestion as well from people walking and biking along this section of Highway 149. As you know, this stretch of Highway 149 is already narrow and this increased traffic dramatically increases congestion here, especially from late May through September.

I am in hopes CDOT and our local governmental entities can address these concerns. I would think immediate increased signage and presence of regular law enforcement on this stretch of highway would be the first things necessary to intelligently address the matter of speeding violations. The matter of increased parking congestion, noise, the narrow aspect of Highway 149, etc. needs strategic planning for effective solutions.

I know that our local government entities are woefully lacking in financial resources to address all the matters concerning Highway 149 so I would hope CDOT will be an active partner to direct more resources to help out with these situations. Naturally, please contact me if you have any questions; otherwise, I thank you for listening to my concerns and hope that you will participate in bringing solutions to the situation at hand.

Sincerely, Phillip H. Virden *Phillip H. Virden*

Sandy Hines

From: Phillip Virden <starmanlakecity@msn.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2020 10:20 AM
To: Susan Thompson; Kristie Borchers; Sara Gutterman; Sandy Hines
Subject: Hgy 149 pilot program
Attachments: PHVHgy149Pilot.docx

Good day everyone!

Please find enclosed some of my input regarding the OHV pilot program on Highway 149 in Lake City.

I also want to mention that I am having a problem with OHV trailers parking in the area around the theatre. This has caused me problems when I show a movie or preventing people from seeing our marquee. I try and work with folks realizing the lack of parking during some parts of the day (post office, visitor's information center, Climb Eatery, Grace Fellowship). However, it becomes very stressful when my customers can't park in the area surrounding the theatre. This doesn't fall under your jurisdiction but I just wanted you to be aware.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Many thanks,

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Nov 13, 2020

Dear Hinsdale County Commissioners

The internet is still down, thus the handwritten letter.
Bob & I oppose any ATVs/OHVs on Highway 149! We live on Hummingbird Lane. Reasons are as follows

- ① There is way too much traffic on 149 as a result of the pilot program resulting in
 - A. Constant Noise All Day long (Dawn to Dusk)
 - B. A situation that is dangerous to street/hwy legal vehicles & wildlife. Since the pilot there are fewer elk & deer in our subdivision & more road kill.
 - C. People in ATVs speeding & passing in no passing zones in the zones entering Hummingbird Lane & Vickers Ranch.
 - D. ATVs are going way beyond CR 30 cut off. They go up Slumgullion even & way north of town. We have seen them 1/2 way to Powderhorn!
 - E. There is no enforcement of the rules that has worked. Its a "oops, sorry, I did not realize the boundaries, speed etc. free for all! (wink, wink). Its BS with the boundaries broken & speeding all day! And the Labor Day

ATV Rally exacerbates the situation with more confusion added.

F. More trash & garbage blowing out of ATVs along 149.

G. Fire danger increased for our community. Opening up easier access to Round top & other areas along 149 increases the danger. We have only one paved emergency route in our County N&S. We will be in a desperate situation if a fire starts. It will destroy our community & our economy. Emergency planning & access during tourist season needs to be a priority over increased ATVs.

- ② OHV's + ATV's are NOT State Highway Legal & should not be allowed. It's a bad precedence already being abused. Through traffic, Visitors, second home owners & residents in ~~to~~ our county should not have to adapt to "special rules" for State Highways that they may not be aware of (such as non highway vehicles pulling out in front of them.) It is a danger to the public and lawsuits waiting to happen.

③ The 149 Pilot Program opens up easier access & increased traffic and secondary impacts to the Alpine Loop. We need to look at the "Big Picture" (not just small business benefits).

- A. Fire Danger increases substantially with increased traffic, vehicles & people
- B. ATV's & OHV's drive much faster than jeeps & cars on the loop. They just seem to want to get up & down as fast as possible. Crazy speeding.
- C. The fisherman, hiker, jeoper, photographer, nature lover cannot enjoy the loop anymore with all the speed & noise of the ATV's
- D. Destruction of tundra, vegetation, harrassing wildlife, noise pollution, trash.
- E. Increased need for more pothies, trash recepticles, designated picnic areas, signs, vehicle barriers to control damage to nature and ROAD Repairs!

- F. County Road 30 Damage and repair.
People cannot ^{even} enjoy the lake because of all the pot holes.
- G. The amount of ATV's/OTV's racing around the loop (which is exacerbated by the pilot program) ignores the intent of the "Alpine Loop Back Country ByWay" and of "Wilderness Areas".
- H. American Basin & other areas are National Treasures which are being trashed instead of ~~PROTECTED~~!
- I. Inadequate road maintenance to handle the increased volume. Dust/dirt/mud zones/pot holes get expanded by vehicles who just drive around the holes widening the road into ^{the} natural areas. This maintenance is costly not free.

④ Many of the impacts described in #3 apply to the town as well. (Trash, dust, road maint, NOISE, Speeding, trailer parking etc).

In conclusion YES OHV/ATV's are here to stay on the Alpine Loop. But they should not be allowed on Highway 149. They should not dictate our way of life in Hinsdale County. We should not intentionally be encouraging destruction of our Alpine Loop by increasing ^{ATV} usage as the Pilot has done. Bring back the natural beauty, scenery, wildlife and Peace & Quiet to our county.

The God Almighty dollar of a few businesses (who shut down in winter more & more) should not override the well being, safety & Quality of life of our community. Businesses come & go, ^{evolve} and adapt in our town. They always have. MAYBE a UBER TAXI/Trailer service to take ATV/OHV's down 149 will pop up for an enterprising young family. We need to think beyond ATVs.

Thank you for listening

Becky & Bob Vickers

Becky Vickers

cc: CDOT

TOWN LAKE CITY

[Signature]

Ann McCord

From: sandy wagner <losttrailstation@gmail.com>
it: Saturday, November 7, 2020 1:18 PM
To: Sandy Hines; Ann McCord
Subject: OHV Pilot Program

We support the OHV Pilot Program.

WITH the caveat that all OHV users be provided adequate information about appropriate behavior and responsibilities of OHV use. Permits?

Sandra Wagner
Lost Trail Station

Sandy Hines

From: Kristie Borchers
Sent: Thursday, October 29, 2020 4:05 PM
To: Sandy Hines
Subject: Fwd: ATV usage in Lake City

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: John Waldo <jwaldo@yahoo.com>
Date: October 29, 2020 at 9:40:59 AM MDT
To: "Kristie Borchers" <district2@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>, "Kristie Borchers" <[REDACTED]>
Subject: ATV usage in Lake City

Thank you for your service especially in trying to find a solution to Off Road Vehicles in Lake City. Our family are part time residents and own 2 homes in Lake City. We use our ORV's frequently and would like to see the pilot program continue with expansion to the Hinsdale County trash station if possible. In our situation buying and storing a trailer and the risks of loading vehicles at our ages is a real problem.

Thanks for your consideration.

John and Marsha Waldo

Sandy Hines

From: Kristie Borchers
Sent: Saturday, October 31, 2020 10:15 AM
To: Susan Thompson; Sara Gutterman; Sandy Hines
Subject: Fw: Support for Pilot 149 OHV Project

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From: Michelle Guthmiller <lakecitysports@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, October 31, 2020 9:14 AM
To: Kristie Borchers <district2@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>
Subject: Fw: Support for Pilot 149 OHV Project

----- Forwarded Message -----

From: pleasant000 <pleasant000@centurytel.net>
To: "Kristie Borchers" <district2@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>
Sent: Saturday, October 31, 2020, 08:48:22 AM MDT
Subject: FW: Support for Pilot 149 OHV Project

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

----- Original message -----

From: Rodney Walker <tfcuwr@cox.net>
Date: 10/31/20 7:42 AM (GMT-07:00)
To: "Kristie Borchers" <district2@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>
Subject: FW: Support for Pilot 149 OHV Project

Jim
I sent this to Zane per your request. Feel free to forward to anyone else you deem appropriate. Stay safe, Happy Halloween!
Rodney

From: Rodney Walker [mailto:tfcuwr@cox.net]
Sent: Saturday, October 31, 2020 9:36 AM

To: 'zane.znamenacek@state.co.us' <zane.znamenacek@state.co.us>
Cc: 'tfcuwr@cox.net' <tfcuwr@cox.net>
Subject: Support for Pilot 149 OHV Project

Mr. Zane Znamenacek

Thank you for your 20 plus years of public service in Colorado State Government. Being a retired Federal Service worker myself, I have a soft spot in my DNA for public service employees. At times the work is thankless, but dedicated and professional people can always find genuine fulfillment and gratification in their profession. Thank you!

As a resident of Oklahoma, we have had four generations of our family visiting Lake City. My first trip into the area was with my Dad and Mother in 1963 when Slumgullion Pass was a dirt road. We have watched Lake City slowly progress over the years and the newest improvement of allowing OHVs in town is most refreshing. After years of jeeping, we started trailering OHVs into the area in 1996, but the allowance of being able to operate in town and parts of Highway 149 is a Godsend. Thanks for your innovative input to simplify OHV travel in Lake City and the voters of Lake City for the welcomed adjustment.

As regular summer visitor to the area, in fact we spent a week there in Sept this year, I would like to suggest that the Pilot 149 for OHVs continue in the out-years. Your successful innovative approach to allow OHVs to respectfully travel between the scenic points on both sides of Lake City is what allows me as an aging visitor to continue my visits to the area. Without the untethered travel between Pleasant View Resort, eating establishments in Lake City, County Road 30 and County Road 20 my travel days as a visitor would be discontinued. At 70 years young, loading and unloading OHVs every day is not something I am able to continue.

The restrictive OHV travel process seems to work well from my observations the past two years. The town seemed to be full of visitors and business owners seemed to welcome each guest. I observed 99% of the OHVs observing all rules and regulations. The law enforcement was doing a great job in their duty and I think more education is planned for visitors on the trails for next year.

Thanks for listening to me! Plus, thanks for your input to innovative solutions and inspiration in solving complex problems in the beautiful state of Colorado. I am available if additional information is desired.

Rodney Walker

405-837-8899
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Sandy Hines

From: Kristie Borchers
Sent: Saturday, October 31, 2020 12:22 PM
To: Sandy Hines
Subject: Fw: HWY 149 OHV Pilot Program

Kristie Borchers
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From: kade watson <kwatson162000@yahoo.com>

Sent: Saturday, October 31, 2020 12:18 PM

To: [REDACTED] Susan Thompson
<district1@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>; Kristie Borchers <district2@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>; Sara Gutterman
<district3@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>; [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
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Subject: HWY 149 OHV Pilot Program

I am a longtime visitor to the Alpine Loop and Lake City, Colorado area. My grandparents first introduced me to the area when I was younger and my family still owns land in the Durango area. Every summer I make it a point to visit, especially the Lake City and Silverton area, mainly due to the beautiful scenery and relaxed atmosphere, but also for the convenience of being able to operate OHV's in town and on HWY 149. This allows us to travel freely around the area and the opportunity to visit local businesses without dealing with the logistics of trailering the OHV to and from the trailhead. 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 without having to own, use and store trailers. From what I have witnessed over the last several years, it seems that OHV's are operated in a safe and responsible manner and are an overall benefit to the local economy.

Thank your in advance for your consideration on this request.

Sincerely,

Kade Watson

Re: Pilot program allowing OHVs on highway 149 in the Lake City area.

To Whom it may concern;

My wife and I are long time full time residents of Hinsdale County in the Lake City area. We have lived here, own our home here, owned and operated businesses in Lake City, held elected positions here, had many various jobs here, and retired here. We currently own a couple of OHVs and enjoy using them to visit the numerous fantastic areas of our county. Being able to drive them on Highway 149 makes it much easier for us and cuts down on the truck and trailer traffic in the town and surrounding area. We have been told by all business we have spoken to that this has been the best year they have had, due in large part to the increasing OHV traffic. We feel that a 3 to 5 year extension of this program would be important to Lake City and Hinsdale County.

Respectfully,

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News release from: Colorado Off Highway Vehicle Coalition

Feb. 20, 2017

Contact: Jerry Abboud: g.abboud@comcast.net (303)378-3925

Study shows OHV recreation contributes \$2.3 billion annually to Colorado economy

Denver – A recently completed study commissioned by the Colorado Off Highway Vehicle Coalition and Trails Preservation Alliance documents a yearly contribution of \$2.3 billion to Colorado's economy due to tourism and sales activity linked to off-highway vehicle recreation. The report was prepared by Pinyon Environmental after the 2014 – 2015 season. It shows nearly 200,000 Colorado and non-resident households participated in OHV activity, including motorcycles, ATVs, snowmobiles and 4WDs.

According to the data, motorized recreation enthusiasts spent an estimated \$1.6 billion while taking trips using motorized vehicles for recreational purposes. Motorized recreationists also spent money on maintenance, repairs, accessories, vehicle storage and miscellaneous items associated with their vehicles.

Direct sales of OHVs was estimated to generate \$914 million, while an additional \$882 million was attributed to indirect and induced sales. Over 16,000 jobs are related to the OHV recreation industry in Colorado. \$107 million in state and local taxes were paid during the study period.

Colorado Parks and Wildlife reports that over 170,000 OHV registrations and use permits were issued in 2015. Each annual registration for an OHV costs \$25.25.

The total of all documented sales and use activity by OHV owners and enthusiasts in Colorado is \$2.3 billion, according to the Pinyon Environmental study.

"This report clearly shows the positive economic impact of off-highway vehicle recreation in our great state of Colorado," said COHVCO President Jerry Abboud. "It also points out the importance of providing effective land management and riding opportunities for residents and tourists alike," added Abboud.



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FOR THE COURIER

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Sandy Hines

From: Ann McCord
Sent: Monday, October 19, 2020 8:35 AM
To: Sandy Hines
Subject: FW: Pilot Project in Lake City

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, October 19, 2020 7:54 AM
To: Morton Weir [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]; Ann McCord <office@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>
Subject: Re: Pilot Project in Lake City

Morton,

Thank you for your input on this issue. As you may know, the pilot program has ended. While I don't know if there will be a request to extend it or not, I do expect that we will know where this is all headed in early 2021. Again, thank you for your comments.

Zane

Zane Znamenacek, PE
Region 3 Traffic and Safety Program Manager

On Sat, Oct 17, 2020 at 10:44 AM Morton Weir [REDACTED] wrote:

Dear Mr. Znamenacek,

We understand that the Highway 149 OHV Pilot Program will soon be up for re-authorization and we write to ask that you terminate or reduce significantly that program which allows OHVs to travel on several miles of that highway near and in Lake City, Colorado. As one of the early proponents of this program, we think that your opinion will matter a great deal.

We have been summer residents of Lake City for 26 years. We built there because of the quiet beauty of the town, our ability to drive or hike in the back country, and the excellent fishing nearby. We also have enjoyed shopping in the town, frequenting restaurants, and walking the trail system.

All of that has changed because of the infestation of OHVs, created by the Pilot Project. We no longer go into town unless we must. We shop elsewhere when we can. We have tried driving our Jeep on the Alpine Loop, but the noise and dust from speeding OHVs is so bad that we no longer make that drive.

We attended an outdoor meeting next to the library, regarding the planning for a charitable project that will cater to young children's reading. The OHV noise was so loud and frequent that we had to practically shout to be heard.

There is strong evidence that the tremendous increase in OHV traffic is contributing significantly to the deterioration of both county roads 20 and 30. In our one attempt at the loop this summer we noticed that county road 30 was as bad as we have ever seen it (we turned back and returned home). And we have seen photos of serious damage to the tundra in the high country.

OHVs have no place on a paved highway; their name makes that clear – Off -Highway Vehicles. They constitute a dangerous situation and it is fortunate that there has not been a serious OHV- auto accident. It will happen. It's only a matter of when.

In short, Lake City is no longer the place we decided to spend our summers. The Pilot Program has ruined it. I am sure that some merchants are happy, but not all merchants have benefited. Lake City has become a burger, trinket and t-shirt town. The OHV lobby must be ecstatic. But the cost to the area is incalculable. You might want to visit Lake City in July or August to see and hear what we mean. But please don't bring your OHV.

Sincerely,

Cecelia and Morton Weir
2021 San Juan Drive, P.O. Box 756
Lake City, CO, 81235

From: Kristie Borchers
Sent: Wednesday, October 28, 2020 1:02 PM
To: Sandy Hines
Subject: Fw: Support of OHV program

Kristie Borchers
Hinsdale County Commissioner
PO Box 277
Lake City, CO 81235
district2@hinsdalecountycolorado.us
970-596-9071



Sent: Wednesday, October 28, 2020 12:43 PM

To: [REDACTED] Susan Thompson
<district1@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>; Kristie Borchers <district2@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>; Sara Gutterman
<district3@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>; [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>;
<judholling[REDACTED]> <[REDACTED]>; <[REDACTED]> <[REDACTED]>; <[REDACTED]> <[REDACTED]>;
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Subject: Support of OHV program

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Thank you,
Aimee Withrow

Owner of Lake City businesses: Rocky Top Vacation Home Rentals, Withrow Inc, and Alpine Outfitters

From: Kristie Borchers
Sent: Wednesday, October 28, 2020 1:03 PM
To: Sandy Hines
Subject: Fw: Lake City OHV Program

Kristie Borchers
Hinsdale County Commissioner
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Sent: Wednesday, October 28, 2020 12:47 PM

To: [REDACTED] Susan Thompson
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 <district3@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>; [REDACTED]
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Subject: Lake City OHV Program

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Thank you,

Seth Withrow

Owner of Lake City businesses: Rocky Top Vacation Home Rentals, Withrow Inc, and Alpine Outfitters

Lynn McNitt

From: Kristie Borchers
nt: Sunday, November 8, 2020 10:30 AM
To: Sandy Hines; Lynn McNitt
Subject: Fw: Highway 149 State Pilot Program Support

Kristie Borchers
Hinsdale County Commissioner
PO Box 277
Lake City, CO 81235
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970-596-9071



From: Wes Williams [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, November 7, 2020 8:11 PM
To: Kristie Borchers <district2@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>
Subject: Highway 149 State Pilot Program Support

November, 7, 2020

Commissioner Kristine Borchers,

I am a resident and home owner in Lake City Colorado. My family and I love the area and enjoy being able to explore the areas within our county and neighboring counties. We are OHV owners and we are grateful for the accessibility to drive on Highway 149 that has been provided by the State's Pilot Program. We are requesting the extension of the Pilot Program for additional years with the hope of the accessibility becoming a permanent feature at some point in the future. I have heard from others, and I would support, an expansion of the Pilot Program to include use of Highway 149 to Woodlake Park on the South and to the Car Wash or Elk Road on the North which would be beneficial to other residents and visitors to our area. These extensions would allow residents and visitors of Lake City to access both entry points of the Alpine Loop without having to own, use and store a trailer for hauling their OHV.

Sincerely

Wesley Williams
1312 Silver Road
Lake City, Co. 81235
(760) 223-1555

Ann McCord

From: Sandy Hines
At: Sunday, November 8, 2020 9:43 PM
To: Ann McCord
Subject: FW: Pilot Program

Sandy Hines

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

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

From: Tisha Wilson <tisha_wilson@hinsdalecounty.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 4, 2020 8:19 PM
To: Sandy Hines <administrator@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>
Subject: Pilot Program

My family of 5 has been visiting Lake City since our oldest was 9 months old (she's having her 18th birthday this month!)! We LOVE Lake City. The family time at the park, the soda shoppe and shopping in all the gift shops. Most of all, we love the outdoors and the ability to leave the cabins and just GO...outside together all day. The pilot program allowed us to all be able to ride together, complete the loop, instead of having to leave someone behind to pick up the OHV on one side or the other. I ask, for families like us, for the pilot program to continue! I know there are 'bad apples' in every group, but more than not, we see families like us, enjoying time together! It's our favorite thing we do together in the summer!

Love. The Texas Wilson's!
Scott, Tisha
Kayla, Rebecca and Cooper

Sent from my iPhone

Sandy Hines

From: Kristie Borchers
Sent: Thursday, October 29, 2020 4:06 PM
To: Sandy Hines
Subject: Fwd: Support of Pilot extension of OHV's on Hwy 149

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Penny Wolters <twolt84067@aol.com>
Date: October 29, 2020 at 9:55:19 AM MDT
To: [REDACTED], Kristie Borchers
<district2@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>, Sara Gutterman <district3@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>
Subject: Fwd: Support of Pilot extension of OHV's on Hwy 149

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: Penny Wolters <twolt84067@aol.com>
Date: October 29, 2020 at 10:45:58 AM CDT
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Subject: Support of Pilot extension of OHV's on Hwy 149

To whom it may concern,

We are secondary homeowners in Lake City, Colorado. We also own OHV's & 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 Woodland Park on the South Side & to Elk Road on the North end. These extensions allow residents & visitors of Lake City to access both access points to the Alpine Loop without having to own, use and or store trailers

Thank you in advance for your consideration on this request.

Tim & Penny Wolters

Sent from my iPad

From: Kristie Borchers
Sent: Sunday, November 1, 2020 10:22 AM
To: Susan Thompson; Sara Gutterman; Sandy Hines
Subject: Fw: Highway 149 OHV Pilot Program

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Charlotte and Larry Womble



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Sandy Hines

From: Ann McCord
Sent: Tuesday, October 20, 2020 8:50 AM
To: Sandy Hines
Subject: FW: Appreciate your engagement in the issue of extending the CO149 temporary permit

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, October 19, 2020 2:04 PM
To: Leslie Wood [REDACTED]
Cc: Ann McCord <office@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>; [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Appreciate your engagement in the issue of extending the CO149 temporary permit

Leslie,

Thank you for your comments and kind words.

At this point, you probably know that the Pilot Program has ended. We are currently working to gather the facts from the last two summers and essentially close out this program. Next steps won't be identified until after that, likely in early 2021. There are several courses of action moving forward from there: there could be no request to continue allowance of OHV's on Hwy 149, there could be a request to make OHV travel on Hwy 149 permanent, or there could be any number of in-between requests (extend for a year, postpone for a year, change the timelines, the end points, etc.). I honestly have no read on how this will play out.

While I understand your request to support postponement of any possible request to continue this program, I don't feel like it's my place to do that. My role is to support whatever it is that the local officials and representatives might request on this, and to work with them on ensuring the safety and welfare of travelers on Hwy 149 within our existing rules and regulations. Anything beyond that becomes a policy question.

Again, thank you for sending me your thoughts, it's always good to hear from someone at my alma mater.

Zane

Zane Znamenacek, PE
Traffic and Safety Program Manager, CDOT Region 3



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222 South 6th Street, Room 100 Grand Junction, CO 81501

On Mon, Oct 19, 2020 at 11:04 AM Leslie Wood [REDACTED] wrote:

Dear Mr. Znamenacek,

My name is Dr. Lesli Wood. I live in Evergreen, Colorado and am a Professor at the Colorado School of Mines. You might be only the second Zane that I have ever "met". I work with a Zane Jobe at Colorado School of Mines. As a bit of background, I have owned a 76-acre property up Hinsdale County Road 30, along with five co-owners, since 2008. You, I have met only through your responses to individual letters that others have sent to me. I will tell you that I think your responses are amazingly patient, professional and measured.

I find myself this morning looking out at a beautiful lake in Tuscaloosa Alabama, after a kayak. We drove up here to see my Dad. I do miss the eastern hardwood forests. I started a letter to you nearly a month ago, but got tied up at school, and so have found myself reading an additional month's worth of emails. These email are all from individuals who have been passionately involved in the issue of OHVs in Hinsdale County and their access to Colorado State Highway 149 for many years; Ron Bruce, Jud Hollingsworth, David Cherry, Peter Nesbitt and many others. I find my concerns changing each day and appreciate the opportunity to air those concerns with you, as I am told that your professional evaluation and input is a critical part of the process in the Colorado Transportation Commission's consideration to re-approve, and possibly extend the opening of County Road 30 to OHV traffic.

I was not deeply engaged in the original Lake City and Hinsdale County request for the CO149 Pilot program, as I could not see the impact on my property up at American Basin. However, once it was enacted, I immediately became aware of the impact. The use numbers on County Road 30, since 2018 speak for themselves (see SilverWorld Newspaper, Friday September 11, 2020 "Alpine Loop Traffic up over 50 percent says BLM study"). Although it is difficult to pinpoint the specific cause-and-effect issues surrounding this massive impact, I think it is important that we recognize the impact on state and county roads, as well as the costs of joint state and federally-funded repairs that are now necessary to the roads, facilities and public lands.

The upward growth of usage numbers noted above are not totally driven by out of state OHV users, however these users are a big component. The CO149 Pilot program creating this "traffic link" and closing the Alpine Loop "horse shoe" has exacerbated a management nightmare on the federal lands in this pristine region. The county has one town in it and thus the county and town act as one entity. I fully understand the town and county drivers, and I understand that there are a few veryvociferous and strong opinions regarding anything that involves OHV access. However, I hope that on the state level, which you represent, local issues are balanced with consideration of the larger impacts for a Colorado citizen such as myself.

I find my concerns more recently to be the effect that this CO149 linkage issue is having on the community. I grew up in a small town, so I know the advantages, and the frustrations of small-town life. I visit LC quite frequently and find business owners telling me in hushed tones that they would prefer the OHVs "not be quite so many". LC Town Trustees are balancing the need for economic survival against at least 40% of the populous (previous community vote in 2018), who wish to return to a quieter existence. They hear from seasonal homeowners are tired of paying 70% of the county's property taxes and getting shut down in their attempts to encourage a balanced approach to OHVs. The Sheriff struggles to police a massive increase in high mountain traffic with increasingly limited resources, but must balance his commitment to support the local economy. Even Mr. Bruce, who lives on Ocean Wave Drive in Lake City stated in a recent email "*....Because so many of OHV operators desire to hose off the road grime they accumulate while traveling the Loop, they cannot drive directly to the car wash. Instead this moves them to travel up and down Ocean Wave,.... We get significant OHV traffic on Ocean Wave Drive past the front of our home as a result.... a significant amount of dust is thrown up, even w/mag-chloride application.*" I understand Mr. Bruce's frustration.

This sentiment is understandable, as we could all make a lot of money if we could invent a dust-free road! OR a quiet OHV! Simply shifting these drivers to state roads is not the answer. I listen to OHV rental agencies in LC and a few restaurants owners talk about how ubiquitous support is for this CO149 opening and extension, but I just am not seeing it.

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Thank you for your time Zane!

Lesli J. Wood

Dr. Lesli J. Wood

Weimer Distinguished Chair and Professor in Sedimentary and Petroleum Geology

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Sandy Hines

From: Leslie Wood <lwood@mines.edu>
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 7:04 AM
To: Sandy Hines
Subject: Re: [External] Pilot program public comments

Hi Sandy,

Per your deadline of mid november, please see my comments below regarding CO149 pilot program review to be entered into the record regarding the request for renewal.

Hope you are all well and enjoyed the brief snow. I am sure we have a lot more up at American Basin!

I know this is a bit of a contentious issue and I appreciate your time. You are probably used to it working in your position!

Cheers

Lesli

Dear Hinesdale County Commissioners, Hinesdale County Sheriff and others involved in making recommendations regarding the CO149 Pilot Program,

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Thank you for your time !

Lesli J. Wood

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Ann McCord

From: Sandy Hines
Sent: Sunday, November 8, 2020 10:05 PM
To: Ann McCord
Subject: FW: OHV Pilot Feedback

Sandy Hines

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



From: pwoods <pwoods439@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 5, 2020 11:48 AM
To: Sandy Hines <administrator@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>
Subject: OHV Pilot Feedback


Administrator Hines,

My wife Andrea and I are seasonal residents of Hinsdale County and appreciate the opportunity to provide feedback on the OHV Pilot program. The natural beauty of Lake City, the majestic San Juans and the countless outdoor activities are what prompted my wife and I to build a home in Lake City. We actually hauled an OHV from Naples, Florida to Lake City when we moved into our home there because state and county officials in Collier County essentially eliminated access to OHV's. The Alpine Loop is one of our favorite activities whether we are behind the wheel of our Toyota FJ or an OHV and a must do activity when we host visitors.

However, you knew that was coming right 😊, the amount of noise from the exhaust and/or tires from the OHV's, particularly this past summer/fall, was noticeable. Our home is in Park Creek above Vicker's Ranch and a good ½ mile or more from 149 and we could hear them clearly – starting their riding very early in the morning and lasting into the night. Sitting on the porch wasn't as peaceful this year. Worth noting – we cannot hear cars, Jeeps and/or trucks at all. In addition, while on the Loop a couple of times this summer/fall we observed OHV's speeding and riding off trail - the damage caused by OHV's going off trail is heartbreaking. Just like most things – those observations were the exception but they tend to ruin it for the rest and the damage in some cases is irreversible at least in our lifetimes.

Perhaps some modifications to the pilot program would satisfy the majority of the stakeholders (business owners, current home owners and visitors alike) some of whom may become future home owners. Proposed solutions: more law enforcement (backcountry ranger and sheriff's office), establish a noise ordinance with permissible levels of operation and speed monitoring and enforcement on 149 and the Loop, limiting the hours OHV's can travel on 149 south of the town, limiting their travel to within the town proper, charging use fees to pay for the increase law enforcement presence.

The disagreements and elections surrounding this issue are not lost on me and realize you won't make everyone happy BUT I do appreciate you soliciting feedback and the opportunity to provide mine. Good luck and if I can be of assistance, serve on a focus group, etc. don't hesitate to contact me.



Sincerely,
Patrick Woods
1531 Silver Fleece Lane
Lake City, CO 81235
(239) 438-7514

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

Sandy Hines

From: Kristie Borchers
Sent: Tuesday, October 27, 2020 6:52 PM
To: Sandy Hines
Subject: Fw: OHV's in Lake City

Kristie Borchers
Hinsdale County Commissioner
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district2@hinsdalecountycolorado.us
970-596-9071



From: Sandy <sandywool@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>
Sent: Tuesday, October 27, 2020 5:31 PM
To: Susan Thompson <district1@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>
Cc: Kristie Borchers <district2@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>; Sara Gutterman <district3@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>;
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Subject: OHV's in Lake City

To Whom It May Concern:

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Although the use of OHV's has become a very polarizing argument on both sides, we feel that the positive impact on the town must be considered when making this decision. The number of visitors that come to Lake City during the summer months and the revenue generated for all the family-owned businesses of the town weigh heavily in the continuance of the town's survival from year to year.

After spending many mornings out at the Lake kayaking and enjoying the serenity, having trailers with OHV's rumbling down the road to the Alpine Loop would ruin the precious gem the town has with Lake San Cristobal. The noise, dust, traffic, not to mention the wear and tear on the road, if the State's Pilot Program is not being reinstated, would forever change the look and feel of a quiet morning out on the Lake. We witness many OHV's using the road from town to the Lake and beyond, and do not feel that having them using the road is a detriment. Instead, I think the

parking logistics of having all the trucks and trailers vying for parking spots along that road and the few designated pull-off spots for OHV trailering would create more problems for everyone using that road having to dodge around illegally parked rigs that could conceivably be there for an entire day or more. Having driven these roads in conjunction with OHV's, our experience has not been tainted by the OHV users.

If the State's Pilot Program is not reinstated in the town of Lake City, I foresee that most of the tourism and the revenue generated from it would be lost to other towns in the area that welcome the use of OHV's on their city roads. Once that revenue disappears from Lake City, residents, businesses, school and medical facilities will soon follow and Lake City would go the route of so many other small towns and cease to exist and lose all the residents who can't afford to live there anymore.

Thank you for considering this resident's look at the OHV controversy.

Sandra Wooldridge
1440 Balsam Road
Lake City, CO

Sandy Hines

From: A Danielle Worthen <danielle@hallrealty.net>
Sent: Wednesday, October 28, 2020 4:08 PM
To: Sandy Hines; Caroline Mitchell; Zane Znamenacek - CDOT
Cc: Susan Thompson; Kristie Borchers; Sara Gutterman; Bruce Vierheller; Jud Hollingsworth; Jessee Kendall; Dave Roberts; Michelle Martin; Doug Hamel
Subject: Pilot Project Support Letter

To Our Community Officials,

What an incredible year it has been for our Colorado mountain community! After decades of marketing and advertising to build our economy and shoulder seasons, who would have thought those efforts would finally come to fruition in the "unprecedented" year of 2020. Our scenic Alpine Loop is being discovered by all outdoor enthusiasts via motor and non-motor alike.

As a long-time local, Town of Lake City homeowner since 1998 and business owner since 2002, I am in favor of extending the OHV Pilot Program on Highway 149. A significant amount of our real estate and vacation rental clientele are OHV/UTV enthusiasts.

I feel confident that our community in collaboration with public entities, can embrace finding reasonable, respectful and balanced solutions in addressing OHV Ordinance enforcement, safety education, and demonstrate environmental awareness in protecting our most valuable asset...our beloved public lands and Lake City community.

Sincerely,

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Sandy Hines

From: Kerry Young <cbsouthkerry@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 9:23 AM
To: Sandy Hines
Subject: Oppose CO149 pilot program

I am writing today to say I am against OHV's being allowed on CTY Rd 20 and 30 as a connection to the Alpine Loop. The increased traffic in the Hinsdale, Ouray and San Juan counties is creating many disturbances including: safety , excessive use, noise, threatening wildlife, and destroying the beauty. Our Western Slope is being loved to death. I OPPOSE the CO 149 Pilot Program for renewal.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter
KERRY YOUNG

Sandy Hines

From: Susan Thompson
Sent: Tuesday, October 27, 2020 8:32 AM
To: Sandy Hines; Sara Gutterman; Kristie Borchers
Subject: Fw:

Susan Thompson
District 1
Hinsdale County Commissioner

From: Layle Zongker <lzongker@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 27, 2020 7:26 AM
To: [REDACTED] Susan Thompson
<district1@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>; chamber@lakecity.com [REDACTED],
[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
Subject:

We are no longer happy so soon as we wish to be happier.#####
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We are visitors in 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. 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 your in advance for your consideration on this request.

Layle and Jane Zongker

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"Don't cling to a mistake because you spent a lot of time making it."
"Those who are free of resentful thoughts surely find peace."
"The key to getting things done is knowing what to leave undone"

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