

## Ann McCord

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**From:** Sandy Hines  
**it:** Sunday, November 8, 2020 10:04 PM  
**To:** Ann McCord  
**Subject:** FW: OHV pilot program

Sandy Hines

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

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

From: **Dodie Baker** <dodiebaker6@gmail.com>  
Sent: Thursday, November 5, 2020 11:41 AM  
To: Sandy Hines <administrator@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>  
Subject: OHV pilot program

Please don't do away with the program! We camp out at Grizzly RV for several weeks each year and use the Hwy to go into town to shop and continue on the loop. We would appreciate it if you continue with the program as I'm sure a lot of  
rist will also, thanks!

Sent from my iPad

I am writing concerning the OHV Pilot Program that has been conducted on Highway 149 just south of Lake City. Those who are in favor of this program do not live along the impacted section. Those of us who do live there have not had any opportunity to vote or have our concerns heard as the program has destroyed our peaceful quality of life. We are tax paying residents of Hinsdale County, not Lake City, and there has never been a county wide vote on this issue. I built my home in 1986 and have paid a lot of money into this county over the years. I have also owned a rental cabin business in downtown Lake City for several years and am very aware of the trials in owning a business in a very seasonal economy. Our valley is a narrow one and sound waves are amplified, not reduced, as they travel across and up the walls. As the number of OHVs has increased we now have a steady flow from sunrise until well after dark, commonly well past 10pm. This constant flow of noise amplifies one upon the other until we cannot carry on a conversation on our porch even though we are a half mile from the highway. The problems in dealing with vehicles with no rear view mirrors, turn signals, or brake lights have surely come up in your deliberations. The hazards of getting along this section of highway are a constant topic of discussion among those of us impacted. As one would expect given human nature, now that the program has officially ended, the OHV traffic has not stopped. These drivers are used to driving on the highway now and simply ignore the fact that it is now illegal. They are habituated to using the highway, and our local law enforcement does not have the resources to permanently police the highway to get it stopped.

To turn to the topic of the increased tax income to the town and county, it is minimal to the costs involved to repair the road damage the OHVs have caused. I have been driving the paved and unpaved roads of this county since 1975. The destruction of the roads from small tires turning rapidly with aggressive treads is beyond anything I would have imagined. Repairs to any one of these roads far exceeds any amount of revenue that has been realized, much less trying to repair all of the damage to just the main roads used by our residents on a daily basis. Again, the success of this program in concentrating the number of OHV users to our valley from surrounding counties was surely not anticipated.

The program has concentrated the OHV traffic from Southwest Colorado in our county in a way that was not anticipated. The number of OHVs on our roads has become unsustainable in a very short period of time. The damage to our roads, our backcountry lands, and the noise pollution are incompatible with a county that is very large geographically, but lacking in the needed resources to manage the influx. Now that you have opened the gates word is apparently out in the OHV community. Come to Lake City and enjoy the wild west of OHVing with no restrictions. The damage to our backcountry lands is something I have personally observed. This damage to our protected lands is caused by a small, but consistent percent of drivers. Now that the overall number of vehicles in the area has increased exponentially this percent, even when small, constitutes a very large number of drivers disregarding basic backcountry protection that even extends to irreparable harm to our Alpine Tundra and lands in general. Again, the area involved is so large that there is no practical way to police the impacted backcountry.

To those of us impacted this program is a success in only one way, and it is a failure in all other ways. It has proven that the State of Colorado is correct to keep these vehicles off of our highways. Those of us impacted are uniformly opposed to extending this program for even one more day. As it is, it will take years of tedious law enforcement efforts to get this stopped even when it is again in compliance with the laws of this state. Being able to complete the Alpine Loop on an OHV is not a reason to degrade our quality of life.

Frequently quoted these days is the Supreme Court Justice who years ago observed that "The right to swing your first ends at the tip of my nose". I would encourage you to talk to the people impacted. We are not a radical bunch of extremists. We are tax paying, law abiding residents who have had our peaceful quality of life unlawfully taken away from us. I would be happy to discuss this issue in person if any opportunity is created to allow that.

James A. Baker  
Park Creek Subdivision  
Vicker's Ranch  
Hinsdale County, CO

Sandy Hines

**Sent:** Susan Thompson  
Thursday, October 29, 2020 12:52 PM  
**To:** Sandy Hines  
**Subject:** Fw: Lake City Variance HWY 149

**Susan Thompson**  
District 1  
Hinsdale County Commissioner

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**From:** S Barnhart <sbarn265@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 29, 2020 11:36 AM  
**To:** Susan Thompson <district1@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>  
**Subject:** Lake City Variance HWY 149

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** S Barnhart <sbarn265@gmail.com>  
**Date:** October 29, 2020 at 11:31:19 AM MDT  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Lake City Variance HWY 149

I have to plea ignorance and complacency concerning ATV use of Hwy 149 through Lake City. I honestly thought after the election that the dispute had been settled and and that the use of Hwy 149 to allow the use of "The Loop" would be seasonal from this point forward (unless voters changed their minds in the future). I knew of the pilot program, but again assumed that with what I thought was a huge success any request to extend the program was a given.

We are Texas residents that own a home in Lake City and spend approximately 5 months a year here. We have visited Lake City for over 20 years and been a homeowner over 10 years. We had a steady flow of family and friends that took the proper precautions to visit LC this summer. Many had been here before and ALL agreed 2020 was their most pleasurable year. One friend bought a home and two more are seriously looking. The cancellation of some of the prime summer events didn't stop us from having own safe get togethers.

When trying to analyze how such a year as 2020 could be such a fun year in Lake City, the big piece of the equation is the escape from the unusual stress of Big City living. But for my family and group of friends, motorcycles and ATVs are a common denominator. It opens the door to countless opportunities to escape. "Doing The Loop" has always been a given with family and friends. Often, more than once even for folks that stay just a week. The inability to not use 149 as it has the past two years just makes no sense to me. Using my expedition or f250 weighing thousands of pounds more, with 6 wheels on the

road rather than 2 or 4, taking multiple trips pulling trailers back and forth is very inconvenient. We have done it in previous years but the pleasure factor and flexibility has been much better the past two years. Not allowing the use of Hwy 149 to do "The Loop" just seems like a huge step backwards.

Being a retired small business owner I understand the difficulties and I love success stories. I sense 2020 was a success for many small business owners in Lake City. Even though they made more dust (that's what dirt roads do when driven on) I was so happy to see the ATVs from the Silverton rental. I've never seen so many and I would bet the inability to not do the Loop from Silverton will put a huge dent into those visitors. I totally understand the disappointment that some folks may have with the increase of visitors. I have road and airplane noise at our home in Fort Worth but still love that home and understand that is what comes with a town being healthy and sustainable.

Thank you for your consideration of not allowing Lake City to take a step backwards.

Steve Barnhart

**Sandy Hines**

**From:** Kristie Borchers  
**Sent:** Friday, October 30, 2020 3:55 PM  
**To:** Sandy Hines  
**Subject:** Fw: Lake City, Colorado Hwy Variance

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



**From:** Matt Barrick <mattlbarrick@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Friday, October 30, 2020 1:40 PM

Susan Thompson <district1@ HinsdaleCountyColorado.us>; Kristie Borchers <district2@HinsdaleCountyColorado.us>; Sara Gutterman <district3@HinsdaleCountyColorado.us>;

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[REDACTED] michell...  
[REDACTED] dougnamere...  
[REDACTED]

**Subject: Lake City, Colorado Hwy Variance**

Good Afternoon,

I visit Lake City, CO regularly to visit friends and enjoy the surrounding area. One of the things we particularly enjoy is riding the Cinnamon Pass/Alpine Loop area together. The current variance that allows non licensed ATVs, OHVs, and motorcycles to use HWY 149 to allow access to these areas without the need for a trailer and tow vehicle is a huge plus and convenience. It has been brought to my attention that this variance has expired and I would like to request an extension of this variance so we can continue to enjoy the convenience of using HWY 149. If possible, it would be very helpful if there could be an expansion of the variance to Woodlake Park on the South side and to the Car Wash or Elk Road on the North end. These extensions would allow residents and visitors of Lake City to access both ends of the Alpine Loop without the need for trailers and tow vehicles.

**Your consideration on this matter would be greatly appreciated.**

Sincerely,

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this route has been open, to the best of our knowledge, there have been no accidents or injuries from OHV incidents along the route.

Our family, is 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, along with the continued economic viability, 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

Donald M Batchelor  
Senior Vice President  
Ametros Financial Corporation  
[dbatchelor@ametros.com](mailto:dbatchelor@ametros.com)  
682-300-1607

## Sandy Hines

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**From:** Kristie Borchers  
**Sent:** Friday, October 30, 2020 8:05 AM  
**To:** Sandy Hines  
**Subject:** Fw: Lake City Colorado residents

Kristie Borchers  
Hinsdale County Commissioner  
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**From:** tony bean <tbeano@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 30, 2020 6:55 AM  
**To:** Kristie Borchers <district2@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>  
**Subject:** Lake City Colorado residents

We moved to Lake City CO because of the OHV friendly nature of the area. We built a home here at considerate costs, including several thousands of dollars in fees and taxes to Hinsdale County. We sometimes take our OHV to town because CR 30, which we live on, is rough and largely neglected. The OHV's are better suited for rough, unmaintained roads.

The main reason for being positive about OHV's is the huge revenue stream they produce for our county and businesses. Hinsdale County has very little to offer other than tourism.

Thanks for your attention,

Tony & Laurie Bean

Full-time Lake City CO

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)



## Sandy Hines

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**From:** Kristie Borchers  
**Sent:** Friday, October 30, 2020 8:05 AM  
**To:** Sandy Hines  
**Subject:** Fw: OHV vehicles

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



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**From:** Becky Bearden <bbscrumpton@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 30, 2020 7:33 AM  
**To:** Kristie Borchers <district2@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>  
**Subject:** OHV vehicles

I am writing this letter in my support of the freedom of riding OHV vehicles in town in Lake City Co. My family has visited this town on many occasions, many times even without our side by sides.. and never once have had any issue with anyone riding their off road vehicle. Honestly we enjoy that about this town, and this is why it is one of our favorite places to visit. We love the relaxed feeling while there, it makes it feel like a vacation spot, different from how we feel at home. My family will be devastated and our future vacations will be greatly affected if this changes.

Thanks so much for your consideration

Becky Bearden

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

**Lynn McNitt**

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**From:** Kristie Borchers  
**Sent:** Friday, November 6, 2020 1:31 PM  
**To:** Sandy Hines; Lynn McNitt  
**Subject:** Fw: Pilot Program

Kristie Borchers  
Hinsdale County Commissioner  
PO Box 277  
Lake City, CO 81235  
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**From:** jbeltz1973 jbeltz1973 <jbeltz1973@pldi.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 6, 2020 12:22 PM  
**Subject:** Pilot Program

We want to thank you for the privilege of having the Pilot Program for OHVs in Lake City the past few years. We serve as camp hosts for four months in the summer at Woodlake Park which is located one-quarter of a mile (.25) from CR 30 and the start of the Alpine Loop. We are asking for your consideration of the program for an extension to the driveway at Woodlake Park. This would allow our guests and visitors access to Lake City for shopping, purchasing fuel, and eating at the local restaurants without having to trailer their OHV.

In summary, please consider extending the boundaries from Woodlake RV Park to the south to the Toy Wash located on the north end of town. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter, please feel free to contact us.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry and Sheri Beltz  
PO Box 2  
Kingfisher, OK 73750  
405.517.4233

**From:** Kristie Borchers  
**at:** Thursday, November 5, 2020 11:20 PM  
**To:** Sandy Hines; Lynn McNitt  
**Subject:** Fwd: OHV Trial Program Expiration

I do not believe I have forwarded this one

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Chris Bennett <chbennett54@gmail.com>  
**Date:** October 28, 2020 at 8:22:24 AM MDT  
**Cc:** bennett Chris <chbennett54@gmail.com>  
**Subject:** OHV Trial Program Expiration

Dear Friends of Lake City,

We are second home owners and seasonal residents of Lake City. I am writing to express our concerns over the expiration of the Hwy 149 OHV Trial Program to complete the Alpine Loop through Lake City.

We rented a four-seat Razor this fall just to try it out and to entertain some visiting family members. We loved it. Compared to the rough riding Jeep we own and usually use to traverse the Loop, it was a leap ahead. We believe they are here to stay and that they have already nearly supplanted the Jeeps on the Loop.

This last summer was a wonderful surprise to all in that we had near record numbers of visitors. However you dice it -- COVID or otherwise -- there is no doubt that we introduced many first time guests to our scenic playground. We hope it will continue at this level and even grow from here!

However, without an extension of the trial or even a permanent exemption, I fear we will lose much of the momentum gained this year. Allowing the trial to expire without an extension will economically hurt all businesses and vacation home owners, reduce services to full-time and seasonal residents, and reduce allocations of tax revenues to Hinsdale County and the Town of Lake City.

Consider whether:

- The loss in tax revenue exceeds the costs of enhancing enforcement and education, rather than banning OHVs altogether.
- Ideas expressed that have been dismissed in the past as too extreme (such as annual permits, etc.) are indeed less extreme than a total ban!

Let's choose the fixes that are most appropriate to the scope and nature of the specific problems (e.g., safety, noise, dust, tundra damage) rather than just "getting a bigger hammer"! Governance is hard work! Thank you for taking this on during this difficult time.

Thank you for your consideration. We trust your judgment as we are confident you have all our best interests at heart and make decisions based on the long term, not the false urgency of emotion.

Chris & Linda Bennett  
830 N Silver St  
Lake City

765-618-0492

## Sandy Hines

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**From:** Kristie Borchers  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 29, 2020 5:30 PM  
**To:** Sandy Hines  
**Subject:** Fw: ohv renewal

Kristie Borchers  
Hinsdale County Commissioner  
PO Box 277  
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district2@hinsdalecountycolorado.us  
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**From:** belinda benson <rbsbaby2004@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 29, 2020 4:33 PM  
**To:** Kristie Borchers <district2@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>  
**Subject:** ohv renewal

To whom it may concern,

We, are at least yearly 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 use and bring trailers. We choose to come to Lake City because of this program. It makes such a difference in ease of getting to the trail system. We love this area and plan to continue visiting as often as possible. This is the main reason we choose Lake City over Ouray. Please take us into consideration.  
thank you

Robert and Belinda Benson

## Sandy Hines

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**From:** Kristie Borchers  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 31, 2020 6:16 PM  
**To:** Sandy Hines  
**Subject:** Fw: EXTENSION OF PILOT FOR USE OF OHVs ON HWY 149

Kristie Borchers  
Hinsdale County Commissioner  
PO Box 277  
Lake City, CO 81235  
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**From:** Bill Bennett <wcbennett2016@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Saturday, October 31, 2020 3:49 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Susan Thompson <district1@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>; Kristie Borchers <district2@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>; Sara Gutterman <district3@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** EXTENSION OF PILOT FOR USE OF OHVs ON HWY 149

Good afternoon to you all,

As a visitor to Lake City on my ATV, I write to urge an extension to the subject pilot program, which has enabled ATV riders the flexibility to drive on Highway 149 in order to access both Engineer Pass and Cinnamon Pass while also enjoying meals and fuel availability in Lake City.

As a member of the Uncompahgre Valley Trail Riders, I join others in urging an 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 on the North side of Lake City.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Bill Bennett  
Montrose, CO

**From:** Kristie Borchers  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 29, 2020 4:08 PM  
**To:** Sandy Hines  
**Subject:** Fwd: OHV Pilot Program Lake City, CO.

**Begin forwarded message:**

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On Thursday, October 29, 2020, 12:03:54 PM CDT, Steve Bettley <[sbettley@yahoo.com](mailto:sbettley@yahoo.com)> wrote:

I am a secondary homeowner in Lake City, Colorado. I also own and use OHV's and have enjoyed the flexibility of driving my machines 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 points to the Alpine Loop, which is known nation-wide for its beauty and wildlife viewing, without having to own, use and store trailers. I have family and friends who visit all through the summer, just to come and ride the Loop in my OHV's. Thank you for your consideration of this most important financial stimulus for our town, Lake City, CO.

Sincerely,

Alfred "Steve" Bettley  
1276 Forest Dr.  
Lake City, CO 81235

910 High Meadow Dr.  
Allen, TX 75002

## Sandy Hines

**From:** Kristie Borchers  
**Sent:** Friday, October 30, 2020 8:57 AM  
**To:** Sandy Hines  
**Subject:** Fw: OHV Pilot Program Lake City, Colorado

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

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My parents introduced my family to Lake City Colorado close to 45 years ago. Yes we have seen numerous changes in what we consider is our piece of paradise and the major change is the amount of tourist who have found the beauty in and around Lake City. It thrills us to see the tourist as we know they are not just enjoying our area, but are investing their dollars at our shops, restaurants, lodgings, Sweety's Zoo, grocery facilities, bakery, soda shop, lake city sports and other facilities who rent their jeeps/ohv's. Lake City is a community which survives on tourism - without the money that tourism brings into town during the say 3 months of the summer, Lake City would not have the extra funds to update water/sewer lines, update parks, roads and the list goes on. As well as the businesses could not exist without the tourism income. In addition, visitors hear of the beauty of the Alpine Loop which circles from Lake City to Silverton / Ouray to Lake City and want that experience. Without the ability to travel on Hwy 149, there would be no ability for visitors to complete the Alpine Loop in one day.

In 2013 my family became a secondary homeowner in Lake City, Colorado. This has been our dream during the 40+ years and it is something we are extremely thankful and blessed to have done. We also own and use OHVs for our fun as well as when we have many visitors of all ages when showing them around our beautiful area. That being said we have enjoyed the flexibility of driving our machines on Hwy 149 that has been provided by the State's Pilot Program. We are requesting the extension of this pilot program for another 3-5 years. We would also ask that a possible expansion be included for use of Hwy 149 to Woodlake Park Campground on the south side of town and to the car wash or Elk Road on the north end. These extensions would allow residents and visitors of Lake City to access points to the Alpine Loop, which is known nation wide for its beauty and wildlife viewing, without having to own, use and store trailers.



Thank you for your consideration of this most import financial stimulus for our town, Lake City, Colorado.

Sincerely

Carolyn Bettley  
1276 Forest Dr.  
Lake City, Co. 81235

910 High Meadow Drive  
Allen, Texas 75002

## Sandy Hines

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**From:** Kristie Borchers  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 31, 2020 6:16 PM  
**To:** Sandy Hines  
**Subject:** Fw: OHV's

Kristie Borchers  
Hinsdale County Commissioner  
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**From:** Dede Madrid <docdede30@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 31, 2020 5:15 PM  
**To:** Kristie Borchers <district2@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>  
**Subject:** OHV's

My parents are secondary homeowner in Lake City, Colorado. They also own and use OHV's and have enjoyed the flexibility of driving their machines. We also like taking the OHV's and my children also enjoy just driving around looking for deer.

**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 like us of Lake City to access points to the Alpine Loop, which is known nation-wide for its beauty and

wildlife viewing, without having to own, use and store trailers. We love to come and ride the Loop in my parents OHV's. Thank you for your consideration of this most important financial stimulus for our town, Lake City, CO.

Sincerely,

Dede Bettley

My parents are:  
Alfred "Steve" Bettley  
1276 Forest Dr.  
Lake City, CO 81235

## Sandy Hines

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**From:** Kristie Borchers  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 31, 2020 6:18 PM  
**To:** Sandy Hines  
**Subject:** Fw: OHV

Kristie Borchers  
Hinsdale County Commissioner  
PO Box 277  
Lake City, CO 81235  
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**From:** kenterin19 <kenterin19@yahoo.com>

**Sent:** Saturday, October 31, 2020 5:50 PM

**To:** Kristie Borchers <district2@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>; [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

**Subject:** OHV

My inlaws own a house in riverside estate. They also own and use OHV's. We have enjoyed the flexibility of driving their machines on HWY 149 that have 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 points to the Alpine Loop, which is known nation-wide for its beauty and wildlife viewing, without having to own, use and store trailers. We visit all through the summer, just to come and ride the Loop in their OHV's. Thank you for your consideration of this most important financial stimulus for our town, Lake City, CO.

Erin, kent, Brooks & Brecklyn Bettley  
Family of Steve and Carolyn Bettley

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy Note20 5G, an AT&T 5G smartphone

## **Sandy Hines**

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**From:** sbettley@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 4, 2020 11:26 AM  
**To:** Sandy Hines  
**Subject:** OHV Pilot Program

I am a seasonal resident of Lake City, owning my home at 1276 Forest Dr. My family has been visitors for over 40 years. Besides being a beautiful area of Colorado, my family has enjoyed riding up the many trails in the area. We do this in OHV's we have purchased in Lake City. We have many visitors each summer who come and visit, and spend many dollars in and around Lake City, who also enjoy the freedom of driving our OHV's on Hiway 149. This allows the access to the nation-wide acclaim of the Alpine Loop. I appreciate and want to show my support for continuing the Pilot Program.

Sincerely,  
**Steve & Carolyn Bettley**

Sent from my iPad

## Sandy Hines

**From:** Kristie Borchers  
**Sent:** Monday, October 26, 2020 6:30 PM  
**To:** Sandy Hines  
**Subject:** Fw: OHV Pilot Program Extension

**Kristie Borchers**  
**Hinsdale County Commissioner**  
**PO Box 277**  
**Lake City, CO 81235**  
**[district2@hinsdalecountycolorado.us](mailto:district2@hinsdalecountycolorado.us)**  
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**From:** Brent Boyce <boyce1484@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 26, 2020 5:35 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Susan Thompson <district1@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>; Kristie Borchers <district2@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>; Sara Gutterman <district3@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>; Lake City/Hinsdale County Chamber of Commerce <chamber@lakecitycolorado.us>; [REDACTED] <jackhollingworth@townoflakcity.co>; [REDACTED] <michellowmarin@townoflakcity.co>; [REDACTED] <doughamel@townoflakcity.co>  
**Subject:** OHV Pilot Program Extension

**We are primary home owners here in Lake City, Colorado. We also own and 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 Side. 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.**

**Sincerely,**

## Brent and Sherri Boyce

**From:** Kristie Borchers  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 29, 2020 4:05 PM  
**To:** Sandy Hines  
**Subject:** Fwd: OHV Pilot Program

Begin forwarded message:

**Subject: OHV Pilot Program**

**Judy Bratcher**

## Sandy Hines

**From:** Kristie Borchers  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 29, 2020 4:05 PM  
**To:** Sandy Hines  
**Subject:** Fwd: OHV Pilot Program

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**Begin forwarded message:**

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**To Whom It May Concern,**

As a resident of Hinsdale County and a person who makes my income significantly based on tourism and managing property and cabin rentals in the area, I want to see the ATV Pilot Program extended. I believe it has been a great benefit to the community and has enhanced both personal recreation and far more importantly, the ability to generate income for many families in our town. A large majority of the tourists staying in the cabins that I maintain come here for the purpose of riding the Alpine Loop and other trails in our area. In order to complete the loop without having to trailer a vehicle, the Pilot program needs to remain in effect for the convenience of our guests. Those guests commonly go on to frequent shops, stores, and restaurants in our area. Spending their money there, often having driven there on the public roads on their ATV's. Our small town has almost no other industry to support families in the area outside of tourism. If our tourists cannot ride their ATV's to spend their money in our local economy, I fear many will take their money and their OHV's to towns that are more welcoming to their recreational desires. We cannot afford to lose the draw of tourists to our area over the complaining of a small number of individuals who see it as an inconvenience.

Please do the right thing for so many hard working families in our county who financially benefit from the increased tourism OHV's add and extend the pilot program.

Thank you for your time and attention to this very important matter.

James Bratcher

October 22, 2020

To Whom It May Concern:

I am a citizen of Lake City, CO. My husband and I purchased our home at 121 Gunnison Avenue in September of 2008. We both hold the opinion that the OHV pilot program has been terrible for our community. The OHV traffic near our home is constant during the summer months and it has not stopped even though the pilot program ended on September 30<sup>th</sup>. I have seen OHV traffic on the highway every single day since the program ended. No one seems to be regulating these vehicles that are now illegally traveling on the highway.

I still have not seen any evidence that our town is benefiting financially by allowing OHV's to travel on town streets, even though that is what people are claiming. I know that our town has been on the same upward trend with revenue for at least 10 years. What I have seen, is an increase in noise, and an increase in parking issues. The noise from these machines is unbearable. I cannot enjoy my own home for much of the summer because the OHV noise starts around 6 o'clock in the morning until 9 or 10 o'clock at night, sometimes later. I do not open doors or windows because of the constant noise.

I have never understood why having these vehicles in town was so important to some people. We have had OHV staging areas at each end of the Alpine Loop for many years. I believe these are sufficient for completing the loop. By attracting OHV enthusiast visitors to this area, we are also inviting many visitors who do not abide by the rules. We have seen an increase in people driving off trail and destroying alpine tundra. The noise has adverse effects on wildlife as well.

After witnessing how this program has functioned, it is my opinion that OHV's should be banned from the highway once again. Those vehicles do not belong on highways or town streets.

Sincerely,

Crystal Brown



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## Crystal Brown

## Sandy Hines

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From: Kristie Borchers  
Sent: Friday, October 30, 2020 11:54 AM  
To: Sandy Hines  
Subject: Fw:

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



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From: Lee Brown <lbrown7074@gmail.com>  
Sent: Friday, October 30, 2020 11:52 AM  
To: Sara Gutterman <district3@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>; Susan Thompson <district1@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>; Kristie Borchers <district2@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>  
Cc: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@state.co.us>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@state.co.us>  
Subject:

Dear Officials,

I am an annual visitor in Lake City, Colorado. We also own OHV's and have welcomed the flexibility to drive on Highway 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 the possible expansion to include use of Highway 149 to Woodlake Park on the south side and to the car wash or Elk Road on the north end of Lake City. These extensions allow residents and visitors to 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.

Lee Brown  
P. O. Box 636  
Tenrock, WY 82637  
307-436-2219

November 10, 2020

To Whom It May Concern:

In all honesty, I do not believe OHV's should have ever been allowed on State Highway 149. The suspension of an OHV is not designed for highway travel. Most do not have turn signals either. The town is a mess because of being overrun with these vehicles. I believe they should be trailered through town and unloaded at public parking areas out of town, as they were before the pilot program started.

If OHV's remain on the highway, steps should be taken to keep them out of residential areas, as much as possible. Noise, dust, and disregard for the community they are in are the primary reasons I am not in favor of their continued use in town or on the highway. If the pilot program were to continue, it should be expanded to Elk Road and to the Alfred Packer Massacre Site, to help keep them out of the neighborhoods.

Much stricter enforcement must be a priority in the backcountry to keep them on designated trails. I saw a lot of tundra damage this year. This is simply unacceptable. Heavy fines must be implemented, even so far as vehicle confiscation and a fine. We need more control and education to teach respect of the community and our public lands.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William E. Brown". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a green rectangular redaction box.

William E. Brown

**Kristie Borchers**  
**Hinsdale County Commissioner**  
**PO Box 277**  
**Lake City, CO 81235**  
**[district2@hinsdalecountycolorado.us](mailto:district2@hinsdalecountycolorado.us)**  
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October 26, 2020  
7851 Stonecreek Drive  
Texarkana, Texas 75503

To whom it may concern:

**This letter is written in support of continuation of the Lake City, Colorado, OHV Pilot project. We would like to see an extension of the project for another 5 years.**

As an owner of multiple properties in Hinsdale County, and a seasonal resident of Lake City since 1995, our entire extended family and our guests have benefited from the access to the Alpine Loop that this pilot project has afforded. It is now a primary reason that we are able to invite and prolong the stays of our guests of all ages, with the resultant support of the county economy.

As property owners in San Juan Ranch Estates, we would like to see the length of the access on Hwy 149 extended north to San Juan Drive, which would allow us to access the loop and town without having to trailer our vehicles. In addition to the usual trailer utilization hazards for drivers and others on the highways, the use of trailers is costly and difficult, especially for the elderly. For us, the storage and maintenance of trailers is especially problematic at our ages (68 and 69).

It is our experience that the vast majority of OHV users are safe operators and considerate drivers as they enjoy their sport in Hinsdale County and are respectful of the town streets and local residences. It is our opinion that the tax paying citizens at the outskirts of the town should be offered the same access to 149 as those citizens in town as the extension is considered.

Thank you for your public service, and thank you for considering our opinion as you deliberate this matter of utmost importance to the future viability of the economy in Hinsdale County and Lake City.

Respectfully submitted,

**William R. Brown, M.D.**  
Rebecca L. Brown

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wbrown@cableone.net

**From:** Kristie Borchers  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 28, 2020 6:52 PM  
**To:** Sandy Hines  
**Subject:** Fw: OHV Pilot program Hinsdale County  
**Attachments:** OHV 2020 letter.doc

**Kristie Borchers**  
**Hinsdale County Commissioner**  
**PO Box 277**  
**Lake City, CO 81235**  
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**Please read the attached letter in support of continuation of the project. Thank you, William R. Brown, M.D.**

## Sandy Hines

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**From:** Kristie Borchers  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 29, 2020 4:17 PM  
**To:** Sandy Hines  
**Subject:** Fwd: Lake City OHV program

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Melissa Brown <meldbrown78@yahoo.com>  
**Date:** October 29, 2020 at 3:43:21 PM MDT  
**To:** Susan Thompson <district1@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>, Kristie Borchers <district2@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>, Sara Gutterman <district3@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>  
**Subject:** Lake City OHV program

Hello All,

My husband and I just bought a lodging business in Lake City, Colorado this summer. Our town's main source of revenue is tourism and a main draw to Lake City is the use of OHV and being able to drive it to and from their destinations without having to haul it on their trailers. It would be a huge detriment to our summer revenue not continuing to allow visitors to drive their OHVs on HWY 149.

A big draw to us purchasing the business was the OHV program and now we hear that many are protesting and it really worries us about our future in Lake City. I know that they are loud and this summer was extremely busy due to COVID...but many business will not be able to stick around and Lake City will become a ghost town.

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.

Melissa and Danny Brown

August 27, 2020

Lake City, Colorado

Mike Goolsby Regional Transportation Director CDOT  
222 So. 6th Street #317  
Grand Junction, co. 81501-2769

Regarding Ohv's

Introduction; Gene Bryson

2079 Hummingbird lane. which is mile marker 70 State Highway 149.  
970-944-2885

I own an ATV as opposed to an OHV.

Please be advised of the abuse by the operators of OHV's on Highway 149.

Noise: Many use modified tires, specifically the exhaust.

Operating at night: 9:30/ 10:00 PM in the A.M as early as 5:00 A.M.

Speed:: I have witnessed OHV's racing, for definition, side by side <sup>or</sup> as  
Hiway 149. On both sides of mile marker 70 is flat smooth and 1 mile long.  
Also they are traveling so fast they frequently pass the sign indicating "The  
OHV Route, continuing several miles up Slumgullion Pass. The speed limit  
for Autos is 35 MPH.

In spite of the glossy statistics portrayed by the Chamber of Commerce, and  
others in Lake City, there is an abundance of abuse.

Also; there are no fees, no inspection, of modifications. and virtually no  
enforcement on the State Highway, for speed. Nearly all the OHV's are not  
sightseeing, which is why they have been encouraged to come to Hinsdale  
County, rather speed.

~~In conclusion; Enforcement on Highway 149. Hours of OHV operation on  
the Highway.~~

Lower Speed limit for OHV's.

Thank you for your consideration.

Gene Bryson

CC: Hinsdale County Commissioners  
Elijah Waters Field Director Gunnison

11-6-20  
+ Guy [Call]  
+ Larry/Parlette  
not getting enough revenue  
speed bumps?  
always been a  
problem -

OHV's worst -  
ATVs - in bikes but



**Subject:**

**PO Box 277**



**Sent: Friday, October 16, 2020 3:29 PM**

**From: Ron Bruce <st8cop@centurytel.net>**

**Sent: Friday, October 16, 2020 1:47 PM**

Thank you for your input on this issue. At this point, I'm not sure where this program will go, but I believe we will have an idea by early 2021.

I'm glad to hear you're still in Lake City. It's a great place to be!

Zane

**Zane Znamenacek, PE**  
**Region 3 Traffic and Safety Program Manager**  
**970-683-6275**

On Fri, Oct 16, 2020 at 1:33 PM Ron Bruce <[st8cop@centurytel.net](mailto:st8cop@centurytel.net)> wrote:

Zane, I'll try to be succinct here. I've been made aware that you have been deluged with "screams of indignation" over the OHV's in Lake City. That those folk are of the mind that the gates of "OHV Hell" have been opened up. I think you know me well enough that I am not prone to hyperbole. So, the program ran extremely well IMO over it's two year period. There was only one OHV related crash w/a pickup that did not result in any injuries and after being consulted by the SO investigator, we came to the conclusion that both parties involved were at fault and let the insurance companies wrangle it out.

The OHV's have put a lot of \$\$ into our economy and sales tax revenues for this season were up somewhere between 40-60% over average. That is significant! Sometimes the volume of machines got a wee bit weary but weighing things on the plus side, Diane and I were glad to have them here.

I visited with CSP Cpl. Ron Krasnisky last week and we discussed the pilot project. In the end, I'm pretty sure he's in agreement that it should be extended indefinitely. Open it to the north to San Juan Springs Drive, just immediately past the car wash. Operators wanting to access that facility are currently forced to take a long loop around starting at Ocean Wave Drive, which puts them unnecessarily onto town/county streets, going to and from the car wash. Then opening it to the south to the CDOT yard on 149 just past the Woodlake RV CG. Cpl. Krasnisky was uncomfortable, for now anyway, about putting the machines north of the car wash on the 45 mph posted stretch of highway up to Elk Road. That does not cause me any particular heartburn.

I would also suggest that the calendar window be removed. It largely penalizes locals and when those machines do not need to be out there, weather typically will shut it done.

I'm pretty sure the Alpine Outdoors Association President, Hector Gomez, has also submitted a letter to you, representing the Association. I have no quibble with what he wrote.

I hope this finds you in good health and negotiating these crazy times in fine fashion.

Respectfully submitted Sir,

Ron Bruce

HCSO Retired Sheriff 2007-2019

AZ DPS - Highway Patrol Bureau Retired State Trooper #2048 1974-2002

PS If you would simply let me know you received this, I would appreciate it.

**Sandy Hines**

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**From:** Kristie Borchers  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 1, 2020 9:13 AM  
**To:** Sandy Hines  
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**Attachments:** Letter for OHV oposition.docx; ATT00001.htm

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Begin forwarded message:

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**Subject:** Pilot Program

Good Evening,

I hope you will read my letter in support of the OHV Pilot program.

Thank you,

Marci Coates Brumley

Eastern Hills HS

ELA Teacher

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