

Sandy Hines

From: Lynn Elliott <lynn@landman.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 29, 2020 2:47 PM
To: Sandy Hines; Caroline Mitchell; ~~Eane Enamenacek~~ - CDOT; Susan Thompson; Kristie Borchers; Sara Gutterman; Bruce Vierheller; Jud Hollingsworth; Jesse Kendall; Dave Roberts; Michelle Martin; Doug Hamel; district2@hinsdalecounty.colorado.us
Subject: Please Continue the OHV Pilot Project !

To the leadership of Lake City and Hinsdale County;

Marsha and I bought our 1111 Ocean Wave home in 2008 and have enjoyed Lake City each year since, even more since OHVs have been legal on the streets we commonly use to reach the recreational areas on CR 20 and 30. We rent the home when we are not in LC and experienced more rentals than ever this year as the word spreads as to the safe fun which may be enjoyed utilizing the OHVs in the Lake City area.

We were contemplating the sale of that home because of the hassle of trailering our OHVs to the areas we wanted to enjoy, until the Pilot Project was approved. Not any more, instead we upgraded our equipment and brought in the kids and grandkids! We now enjoy the safe off-roading mountain experience to the maximum. We have been pleased with the safety compliance of the vast majority of riders. I inquired at the S.O. as to the accident rate and was pleased to learn that very, very few accidents have occurred involving OHVs !



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Sandy Hines

From: Kristie Borchers
Sent: Tuesday, October 27, 2020 4:04 PM
To: Sandy Hines; Susan Thompson; Sara Gutterman
Subject: Fw: Lake City Pilot Program Extension

Kristie Borchers
Hinsdale County Commissioner
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From: Randy Eldridge <reldridge@moralescompany.com>
Sent: Monday, October 26, 2020 9:59 PM
To: Kristie Borchers <district2@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>
Subject: Lake City Pilot Program Extension

Dear Kristine Borchers

My Wife and I are secondary homeowners in Lake City, Colorado. We have owned our home for approximately 15 years but have been visiting Lake City for more than 30 years.

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. As we get older it affords us the opportunity to enjoy the trails that we otherwise would be unable to due to not having the equipment to transport of OHVs to and from our house to the OHV staging area's and as we age we are physically unable to load our large OHVs on trailers.

We are requesting the extension of the pilot program for another 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, especially those with physical disabilities and handicaps to access both access points to the Alpine Loop without having to own, use and store trailers, access to public lands should not be for only the young and physically fit.

Sincerely

Randy & Tina Eldridge
2180 Hummingbird Lane
Lake City CO, 81235
Mobile 512-415-9121

Lynn McNitt

From: Kristie Borchers
Sent: Thursday, November 12, 2020 10:06 PM
To: Sandy Hines; Lynn McNitt
Subject: Fwd: Hwy 149 Pilot Program

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: James Erwin <jmerwin68@gmail.com>
Date: November 12, 2020 at 3:56:21 PM MST
To: Kristie Borchers <district2@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>
Subject: Hwy 149 Pilot Program

November 12, 2020

To Whom it May Concern,

We are summer guests of Woodlake Park in Lake City. We own an OHV and have enjoyed the flexibility to drive on Hwy 149. However, we are asking for your consideration of the Pilot Program for another 3-5 years with possible expansion to include Hwy 149 to Woodlake Park on the south and the Toy Wash or Elk Road on the north end of town. This would allow residents and visitors to access both entry points to the Alpine Loop, as well as tour, shop, and enjoy the restaurants in Lake City without having to trailer their OHV. We travel to Lake City in a motor home, pulling our OHV on a trailer. We do not normally bring another vehicle. Therefore, we are dependent on others to trailer us to the trail heads. To be able to ride our OHV from Woodlake Park would enhance our visits to Lake City greatly.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this request,

Mike and Linda Erwin

Sumner, Texas

Sandy Hines

From: Kristie Borchers
Sent: Sunday, November 1, 2020 12:25 PM
To: Sandy Hines; Susan Thompson; Sara Gutterman
Subject: Fw: State's Pilot Program for Use of HWY 149

Kristie Borchers
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From: Ettel, Shelly (PCAPP) <snettel@Bechtel.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 1, 2020 11:39 AM
From: Kristie Borchers <district2@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>
Subject: State's Pilot Program for Use of HWY 149

Kristine Borchers,

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. We visit at least twice a year stay at Elkhorn RV for 4 to 7 days. We also eat local, daily to support the local restaurants. We understand that there are individuals that do not respect the local area but feel they could be better regulated by the Sheriff's office. We would even be in favor of paying an Alpine Loop entrance fee to support Sherriff offices resources.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request.

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Sandy Hines

From: Kristie Borchers
Sent: Tuesday, October 27, 2020 7:45 PM
To: Sandy Hines
Subject: Fw: OHV Pilot Program Lake City, Colorado

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From: Phil Everson <Phil.Everson@blpipeco.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 27, 2020 7:42 PM
To: Susan Thompson <district1@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>; Kristie Borchers <district2@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>; Sara Gutterman <district3@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>
Cc: Phil Everson <Phil.Everson@blpipeco.com>
Subject: OHV Pilot Program Lake City, Colorado

Dear Susan, Kristine, and Sara-

I am a secondary homeowner in Lake City, Colorado. We also own OHV's, which we bought in Lake City, and have welcomed the flexibility to drive on HWY 149 that has been provided by the States Pilot Program. I am requesting the extension of the pilot program for another 3-5 years or indefinitely with possible expansion to include the use of HWY 149 to Woodlake Park on the South side and to the car wash or Elk Road on the North end. These extensions allow residents and visitors of Lake City to access both access points to the Alpine Loop without having to own, use, and store trailers. I firmly believe without the pilot program visitors and 2nd homeowners will find other places to enjoy their OHVs, which means their dollars to support the small business of Lake City will go with them. This past season was more crowded than normal, but I would hate to see the small amounts of people that break the tundra and speeding rules ruin the town of Lake City's small businesses and ultimately punishing the majority of responsible riders. Thank you in advance for your consideration on this request.

Phil Everson
780 Hinsdale CR 142
Ox Yoke Cabin #8
Lake City, CO 81235

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Ann McCord

From: Sandy Hines
Sent: Sunday, November 8, 2020 9:46 PM
To: Ann McCord
Subject: FW: OHV Pilot Program

Sandy Hines

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



From: phil everson <phileverson@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 4, 2020 9:08 PM
To: Sandy Hines <administrator@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>
Subject: OHV Pilot Program

To whom it may concern:

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I am a secondary homeowner in Lake City, Colorado. We also own OHV's, which we bought in Lake City, and have welcomed the flexibility to drive on HWY 149 that has been provided by the States Pilot Program. I am requesting the extension of the pilot program for another 3-5 years or indefinitely with possible expansion to include the use of HWY 149 to Woodlake Park on the South side and to the car wash or Elk Road on the North end. These extensions allow residents and visitors of Lake City to access both access points to the Alpine Loop without having to own, use, and store trailers. I firmly believe without the pilot program visitors and 2nd homeowners will find other places to enjoy their OHVs, which means their dollars to support the small business of Lake City will go with them. This past season was more crowded than normal, but I would hate to see the small amounts of people that break the tundra and speeding rules ruin the town of Lake City's small businesses and ultimately punishing the majority of responsible riders.

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Sandy Hines

From: Kristie Borchers
Sent: Thursday, October 29, 2020 8:56 AM
To: Sandy Hines; Susan Thompson; Sara Gutterman
Subject: Fw: Pilot Program

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From: Tracy Fenton <TFenton@hinsdaleps.org>
Sent: Thursday, October 29, 2020 8:39 AM
To: Kristie Borchers <district2@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>
Subject: Pilot Program

Dear Kristine Borchers,

Thank you for your past support of the Colorado Pilot Program for the use of OHV's on Highway 149, which expired on September 30th.

My family and friends have been visitors to the lovely town of Lake City, Colorado for 6 consecutive years. I also own and use our OHV's in Hinsdale County and the City of Lake City, and I have appreciated the flexibility to drive on Highway 149, which has allowed us to have access to the Alpine Loop without having to use and store our trailers.

I am a public school teacher in Muskogee, Oklahoma, and have always been respectful and courteous of the residents of Lake City by abiding to all local laws and state regulations. Each year we financially support the community by eating at local restaurants, purchases at businesses, and staying in local motels, as well as rental homes and cabins. In addition, we support the Lake City Chamber of Commerce in their annual Duck Derby race. As I approach my retirement, we are also considering purchasing a home there because we love the little town and friendly business owners.

I understand that there are individuals who are working to change this program, and are jeopardizing it by banning OHV's ability to ride on Highway 149.

I am asking for your help and support for the Extension of the Pilot Program for another 3-5 years, with possible expansion to include the use of Highway 149 to Woodlake Park on the south side and to the car wash or Elk Road on the north end. These extensions will allow us to have access to the Alpine Loop without having to use and

store our trailers. This program will financially benefit not only the residents of Lake, City, but also the State of Colorado.

I would appreciate your response on this important initiative and for your consideration of this request. I would gladly serve as a resource if you have any questions. Please feel free to contact me at (918) 869-9543 or by email at TFenton@hilldaleps.org

With Every Good Wish,

Tracy Fenton, M.Ed., NBCT
School Counselor/School Psychologist
Hilldale Public Schools
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Lynn McNitt

From: Ann McCord
nt: Thursday, November 5, 2020 3:02 PM
To: Lynn McNitt
Subject: FW: Pilot Program

From: Ron Bruce <st8coop@centurytel.net>
Sent: Thursday, November 5, 2020 10:59 AM
To: Sara Gutterman <district3@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>; 'Kristine Borchers' <kristineborchers@yahoo.com>; Susan Thompson <district1@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>; Ann McCord <office@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>

Subject: FW: Pilot Program

I had shared my comments with Charles and this is his response.
Ron

Charles Ferris

From: Yogi Ferris <coloradosummer@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 04, 2020 7:49 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Pilot Program

Didn't know this was up for review again. Having worked enforcement this year I'd throw my two cents in. CDOT to the South is good. Needs to be extended to Elk on the North. Higher fines isn't the answer - more education and a clear knowledge of whats expected of OHV operators - they don't know what they don't know. I'd like to see a permit issuance system to access the loop through Hinsdale and with that the rules of the road and spelled out consequences - know the fines up front and whats expected. Use some of those permit fees for needed signage - enforcement - roads etc - if we as a community are expected to continue catering to this group. Overall a successful year and good for business. Just a few glitches to work out.

Yogi

"The key to serenity is to never get personally involved in your own life".

On Nov 4, 2020, at 7:32 PM, [REDACTED] wrote:

Commissioners-

Having had hands on with this from the start and being a strong advocate for it, I believe this has been a success for Hinsdale County, the Town of Lake City and our residents and visitors. I believe ending this now would throw our OHV visitors into chaos and confusion. And, ultimately turn a significant number of them away, to spend their vacation money elsewhere. The process, at this point, seems to be to be pretty much on track. My only suggestion would be to raise the fines on ordinance violations relating to this and to extend the boundaries, north to San Juan Springs Drive and south to the CDOT yard.

Thank you for your considerations.

Respectfully,

Ronald (Ron) B. Bruce, 1101 Ocean Wave Drive – Registered voter, home owner and full time resident.

Sandy Hines

From: Michael Fleishman <mike@lakecityalpine50.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 28, 2020 12:54 PM
To: [REDACTED];
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[REDACTED];
[REDACTED];
[REDACTED];
[REDACTED];
Sandy Hines; Sara Gutterman; Kristie Borchers; Susan Thompson; Chris Kambish; [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Subject: Lake City - CO149 Pilot Program

Dear Representatives and interested parties:

Our company, Human Powered Endeavors, is the promoter of the Lake City Alpine 50. We hold 50-mile, high-alpine endurance bike race on the Alpine Loop at the end of August each year. Given our limited field, we were able to successfully hold our Second Annual Race, which featured some of the top-flight mountain bike racers in the country.

I am writing both in my personal capacity as summer resident in Lake City (both my parents have a house in Lake City and my in-laws) and as a promoter of an event in Lake City.

It is my understanding that the CO149 Pilot Program is up renewal. It is my understanding that the Town of Lake City and Hinsdale County will provide a report to both CDOT and the Transportation Commission.

There is no question that the pandemic created a completely new dynamic in Lake City this past summer. Lake City clearly saw unparalleled growth in the amount of OHV traffic due to the pandemic. Even if this increase was directly attributable to the unique circumstances of the pandemic, such growth highlighted some very serious problems going forward.

According to the BLM, traffic on the Alpine Loop doubled this year. While a large majority of OHVs respect the laws and the unique environment they are visiting, the sheer increase in numbers means that there are going to be those that simply do not respect the land and the towns they visit. The increased traffic is something Lake City simply cannot handle. The number of large trucks with large trailers coming into Lake City has resulted in clogged streets.

Regarding the impacts to the fragile alpine environment along the Alpine Loop, we have seen notable impacts, including: increased dust, increased noise, increased erosion, a general degradation of the Alpine Loop road, increased garbage strewn across the roads and tundra, illegal parking and most troubling of all - an increased disregard for the fragile alpine tundra. Allowing OHVs to use the 149 is allowing more and more people to come to Lake City, which has produced a wonderful summer economy but it is unsustainable long-term.

We need to find a way to limit the use of the Alpine Loop. I would strongly ask all interested parties to consider a permitting system that would at least allow the various agencies to do education campaigns, pay for patrolling, build staging areas for trailer, build parking for trailers, reduce overall noise in the backcountry. At the end of the day, Lake City was overrun. One morning I counted twenty OHVs leaving in a massive loud caravan in front of our summer property. Families did not move to Lake City and build in Lake City to listen the constant droning of OHVs driving throughout town.

I urge you to please hold public meetings in Lake City so the community may come forward and share their concerns with you, and to include all affected parties, including event promoters and second property owners.

It is my view that the CO149 Pilot Program should not be renewed. Thank you.

Michael Fleishman
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Sandy Hines

From: Kristie Borchers
Sent: Monday, November 2, 2020 9:52 AM
To: Sandy Hines
Subject: Fw: Lake City OHV Pilot Program

Kristie Borchers
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From: Gerald Franks <gofranks@slcommservices.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 1, 2020 10:25 AM
To: zane.znamenacek@state.co.us <zane.znamenacek@state.co.us>
Susan Thompson <district1@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>; Kristie Borchers <district2@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>;
Sara Gutterman <district3@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>; [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Subject: Lake City OHV Pilot Program

We are "new" secondary homeowners in beautiful Lake City, Colorado. I support a possible extension of the State's Pilot Program regarding OHV use of HWY 149.

While not yet an owner of an OHV, I do understand the opposition of irresponsible OHV operators. Excessive noise and reckless driving should not be tolerated in Lake City and on HWY 149.

I ride a licensed/street legal motorcycle to the vast adventure opportunities surrounding Lake City. In the past, my wife, friends, and family members have rented the four wheel OHV's to experience the same adventures I do. The opportunity to complete the Alpine Loop via HWY 149, in an OHV, is quite appealing. Of course I'm comparing to "trailer" to the official parking areas, which leaves you with a "real" logistical challenge when completing the beautiful Alpine Loop.

Thank you in advance for your consideration on this request.

Thank you,

Gerald Franks
President

Sandy Hines

From: Lori Frech <lcfrech@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 3:09 PM
To: Sandy Hines
Subject: OHV Pilot program comment

Nov. 10, 2020

To Whom It May Concern,

I am a full-time resident of Lake City, Colorado. I have lived and worked here since 2005. I realize that our town relies, in part, on tourist revenue. I was initially optimistic that the OHV Pilot Program would be successful for our community. I feel it has been a success for a handful of seasonal businessmen, but a real detriment to the quality of living in our community.

I have always been proud that our community honored the unique natural environment here in the Lake City area. I felt that we had a respect for our tenuous hold on one of the largest and most wild areas of public land in Colorado. The tourists we attracted, in turn, respected the wilderness and our town community's values... reduced noise, reduced trash, reduced impact.

I feel that we have forgotten that mission. Since the onset of the OHV pilot program, our town has been overwhelmed with people who do not respect the wilderness or our town. They come to ride increasingly high powered OHV's with increasingly loud motors. Our wilderness has become a raceway for motorheads escaping the concrete and heat of their homes.

The unfortunate thing is that these people in turn exploit our home. We are left to pick up the trash, expand our police force to manage the increased traffic, close our windows to the noise, abandon our dog walks up Henson Creek, watch our properties turn into VRBOs.

Some people feel that "Progress is good and dissent is archaic." I'm not sure that this instance of so-called "progress" is advantageous when taking the long view. The town of Ouray realized they needed to modify their downtown access to OHVs in order to preserve the nature of their community. I think a compromise could work.

Sincerely,
Lori Frech

From: Kristie Borchers
Sent: Saturday, October 31, 2020 10:16 AM
To: Sandy Hines
Subject: Fw: UTV Support

Kristie Borchers
Hinsdale County Commissioner
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Sent: Saturday, October 31, 2020 8:30 AM

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district1@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>; Kristie Borchers <district2@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>; Kristie Borchers
<district2@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>; [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Subject: Fwd: UTV Support

Dear Honorable Elected officials,

I am writing each of you to encourage you to please support the continuation and extension of the pilot program for an additional three to five year period. Furthermore, I ask your consideration and support to extend the program to include being able to use State Highway 149 for UTV use to and from Woodlake Camp ground and to the car wash on the north end of Lake City. I have had the blessing's of traveling to Lake City for over 50 years starting with my Grandparents when I was a child, when they camped each year at the Henson Creek Campground. My family and I camped at WoodLake for many years and like most we love Ms. Smith and the other regular campers, however due to having to trailer our UTV's we stopped camping there and now for the last 6 years we rent a home in town which is more expensive but we believe is worth the cost because of the benefits of the pilot program.

Some of my fondest memories include the experiences I shared with my grandparents on the alpine loop and now as a father and grandfather, we continue the legacy of traveling to Lake City with our own UTV's with our family and friends. We have previously owned property in Lake City, and for the last 20 years, we have owned (all purchased in Lake City) and operated our UTV's in the utmost safe and responsible manner. Prior to the approval of the pilot program we experienced the inconvenience and having to trailer our UTV's before the decision was made by elected officials to allow what I consider and appreciate a valid and reasonable accommodation that provides a practical and measured solution to the challenge of access to and from the Alpine Loop access points via UTV's.

My family and friends which include approximately 15-20 persons each year return to Lake City not withstanding the beauty, simply because of the convenience of being able to enjoy the benefits of your decision to grant approval of the pilot program.

To be sure, without this convenience and prior to it's approval our family and friends were contemplating a very difficult and uncomfortable thought of ending our tradition of yearly adventures and memories in Lake City and the surrounding area.

In conclusion, it with the utmost respect I encourage you to continue to grant the opportunity for the pilot program to continue and perhaps expand the entrance points slightly and in cases where persons do not adhere to the rules and regulations as set forth, please hold individuals accountable for their actions and not those of us who love, respect, and appreciate the opportunity to experience the San Juan's, while supporting the residents and businesses of Lake City.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Freeman

Sandy Hines

From: Kristie Borchers
Sent: Thursday, October 29, 2020 4:10 PM
To: Sandy Hines
Subject: Fwd: OHVs in Lake City

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: JERI FRICKEY <jafickey@comcast.net>
Date: October 29, 2020 at 11:47:23 AM MDT
To: Kristie Borchers <district2@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: OHVs in Lake City

Dear Kristine,

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.

Jeri Frickey
13691 E Marina Drive
Aurora, CO 80014

Ann McCord

From: Sandy Hines
nt: Sunday, November 8, 2020 9:51 PM
to: Ann McCord
Subject: FW: OHV on hwy 149

Sandy Hines

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

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

From: kgallina@email.com <kgallina@email.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 5, 2020 7:45 AM
To: Sandy Hines <administrator@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>
Subject: OHV on hwy 149

We are in support of the pilot program allowing OHVs on hwy 149 in order to access Cinnamon Pass. Our group of 20 to has been coming to Lake City ever since the pilot program was put in place. It allows us to access Cinnamon, and ride many approved trails that way. We stay in your cabins, eat at your restaurants, shop in your stores, buy gas. We love sharing your beautiful town and mountains! We observe all rules. We appreciate the locals tolerating us! As senior citizens, this is the only way we can get to our beloved mountains. Please keep the program going!

Kathy and John Gallina
Quadfather's OHV group

Sandy Hines

From: Linda Gardiner <gardiner1@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Wednesday, October 28, 2020 2:42 PM
To: Michael Galsby; EDOT Regional Manager, Eric Enomoto; [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] >
[REDACTED] Transportation Commission District [REDACTED] Thompson; Kristie Borchers;
Sara Gutterman; Sandy Hines; Mayor Bruce Vierheller; [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Trustee Dave [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
Subject: OHV Lake City, Colorado, Mitchell Canyon

To whom it may concern:

As I return to Dallas from our seasonal home in Lake City, the days have returned to somewhat of the movie days of the movie Groundhog Day. So, especially with the rainy, cold days, I've been watching quite a bit of Rick Steves. If some of you aren't acquainted with him, let me explain. He does a series of places to visit abroad...ie, England country side, French and Austrian areas, etc. It seems most places he visits, he does emphasis the peace and quiet one gets from their visit. I see visitors walk, hiking, riding bikes, shopping in the quaint villages. Which makes me think of why my husband and I chose Lake City where we would build our "dream" cabin, and call it home during the summer/fall months.

The summer of 2019, with the new pilot program, I thought I could tolerate this new idea thrust upon us; however, after this summer, I am compelled to write and ask so many questions:

- 1)why? Why disturb this lovely place with so many OHVs, and so many who don't know our quiet town or respect it values?
- 2)Why not compromise with this lovely community....at least serve citations when deserved? Why not have a fee to help with roads, parking for trailers, etc.
- 3)Is there no way we can prevent so many in so little time? How about a tag and make it like hunters....a tag for a certain time, minimize days...
- 4)What happens to all those, who I know do not live there year round, but do give in so many ways to the community? So many are leaving because of the OHV's and so many more will!!!

Ok, now on to the business side of things. I, too, own a business in Lake City. Oh, yes, you would think that I would be all over the business that they bring!! Well, if you sell food, gas, snacks, souvenir tshirts/cups or stickers perhaps one would be thrilled. But what I see is dust, noise and lots of people who don't shop for other items. My business in on Hwy 149 Last year I could have my customers stay and visit out on the porch, sit for a while and just enjoy a minute with me and some of my other customers. Not this year....we could hardly sit out due to the noise from the OHVs, and the dust as they past by, usually speeding. Which I truly do not understand.....why is there a sheriff's department not ticketing those OHVs that are blatantly speeding? And if the state of Colorado is going to do this pilot program again, will they send more assistants to our Sheriff's department to help provide with making sure these visitors of our follows the rules!

Oh, I could go on and on as to why we should not allow this pilot program again. It makes me sad that so many come, there is no peace and quiet in the mountains anymore. They camp where they should not, they drop trash where they should not, they race over the loop without enjoying the beauty, but just to see how fast they can go. Why should we, those who have come here for the beauty, quiet and friendship, love the OHVs or want this program to continue. PLEASE give me a better reason than for economic growth.

 Your truly,
Linda Gardiner
 Home owner
Business owner/Inklings in the Mountains Gardiner1@sbcglobal.net

Sent from my iPad

Sandy Hines

From: Laurie Gery <lorena8154@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2020 7:46 AM
To: Sandy Hines
Subject: CO 149 Pilot Project

11-12-2020
Laurilane Gery
Gunnison County Resident

Hinsdale County Administrator

Dear Hinsdale County Administrator,

I am writing to you regarding CO 149Pilot Project. As a citizen of a small Colorado town whose well-being is dependent on the draw of small-town charm, beauty of pristine wilderness areas, and appeal of well-managed public lands, I feel compelled to comment on this issue.

My understanding of a 'pilot project' is that it is an initial attempt to implement a plan, with the idea of stepping back after a certain time frame and analyzing the results. After the analysis, decisions are made about continuing, altering or abandoning the project. This pilot project has had disastrous results. Allowing OHVs/ATVs or off-road vehicles by any other name in and around small towns, wilderness areas or on public lands with limited controls and management leads to significant harm.

The wonderful small-town atmosphere of Lake City is destroyed by the noise and danger of OHVs racing through town in unsafe ways leaving litter, frightened or injured pets, and harried visitors and residents in their wake. A safe and pleasant stroll or bike ride through town is impossible. Some drivers of these vehicles are under-age and some are drunk. They leave behind air pollution, human waste and damage to town infrastructure and a fragile environment. Our law-enforcement resources are not equipped or staffed to manage this influx of OHV users.

There is an unfortunate number of OHV users who choose to be disrespectful of our environment. The abuse of wilderness areas and public lands impacts the flora and fauna that belongs not only to them, but to all of us. Many do not remain on designated throughways. They disregard the rules of land use, and terrorize wildlife with excessive noise, litter, and invasion of their habitat. They ride where they will, with no regard for the fragile environment they are using.

Many of the residents of small mountain towns and many visitors treasure our small-town culture and the wilderness areas and public lands surrounding them. The CO 149 Pilot Project has led to the destruction of the fundamental characteristics of the places we live and love. The CO 149 Pilot Project must be either very significantly altered, and provided with resources for proper management, or completely abandoned if we are to reclaim the essence of Lake City and protect other small mountain towns from similar destruction.

Sincerely,
Laurilane Gery
Gunnison, CO
303-898-9685

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

m: **nataascia giovacchini** <ngiovacchini@hotmail.com>

Sent: Monday, November 2, 2020 11:20 AM

To: Susan Thompson; Kristie Borchers; Sara Gutterman; Sandy Hines;

~~heller@townofleicester.com~~

~~_____@townoflake.it; _____;~~

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: CO149 Pilot Program for OHVs

Dear County Commissioners and Town Trustees,

I'm writing in regard to the CO149 Pilot Program for OHVs.

I urge you to please recommend that the CO149 Pilot Program be CANCELED until:

1. We have public input from more of those impacted.
2. We have a plan for law enforcement given the increase in workload.
3. We have a plan to manage the increased strain on our public land and natural resources.
4. We have a plan to manage noise reduction in and out of town

While I appreciate that OHVs are a valuable tourist group I do question our willingness to seek special accommodations for them at the expense of other tourist types and Lake City residents.

If we continue to prioritize high-impact forms of tourism like OHVs over all else, we fail to maximize the benefit of our limited resources, for the good of the community in favor of a few.

is what my family and I have observed so far:

- greatly increased noise level: from early in the morning to late in the evening.
- greatly increased dust levels all around town
- driving on the shoulder obstructing cyclists and hikers.
- randomly stopping in the roadway and waving other vehicles around.
- turning without signaling.
- driven by underage drivers.
- driven by impaired drivers under the influence of alcohol.
- without required safety equipment.

As a resident, I've seen the negative impact that the CO149 Pilot Program has had on quality of life for our community. Since the introduction of the CO149 Pilot Program, we've seen an influx of OHV tourism that has put enormous stress on our local law enforcement. It's obvious to any visitor that OHV laws are not being enforced; whether it's running through stop signs, speeding through alleys, or literally racing other OHVs down CO149. We've also seen an unprecedented strain on our backcountry resources with the increase in motorized tourism. Our public lands and natural resources are the heart of our value as a tourist destination and they are currently being damaged by overuse; increased litter, human waste, and destruction of alpine tundra have all been heavily documented.

While the CO149 Pilot Program is not solely to blame, the ease-of access it provides OHVs is certainly a contributor that needs to be considered.

Lastly, you'll often hear proponents claim that residents overwhelmingly voted for OHV use on town streets as a proxy for support of the CO149 Pilot Program. That's not entirely accurate. The vote was 186 for and 119 against which is roughly a 60/40 split, but voting was limited to Town of Lake City voters and did not include the voice of many county residents that live in areas of high impact such as the Addition just south of town. If we use Region 10's population data for Hinsdale County (pop. 820) and Lake City (pop. 374) then only 23% of county residents expressly voted in favor. The majority of county residents were either against, abstained, or were never included in the conversation.

Before approving a continuation or expansion of the CO149 Pilot Program, we need to better understand...

1. What best serves our whole community and represents a true majority of county residents? Now that we've had 2 years to live with the CO149 Pilot Program, it's time to hear from all voices of those impacted and not just a few business owners, officials, and OHV advocates.
2. How will our local law enforcement handle the increased workload? Law enforcement was woefully absent in the last 2 years and this has a direct impact on safety, as well as the ability to get valid data on the program's performance.
3. How will we handle the increased traffic and demand on our public lands and natural resources? We need a plan from our land managers (Town, County, CPW, BLM, USFS) for how best to handle the increase in motorized use in a way that protects our resources for all tourist groups and generations to come.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Natascia Giovacchini
Lake City Resident & Teacher
130B Bluff St.
Lake City, CO 81235
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To whom it may concern,

The year 2020 brought an incredible amount of people into our community and surrounding public lands. As a lodging manager in Lake City, our owners are in favor of extending the OHV Pilot Program. The use of Highway 149 to complete the Alpine Loop on pavement also helps keep the vehicles from creating dust when using the side roads in town.

The owners believe that we should continue to educate the users of the loop so that we can continue to conserve our beautiful public lands and community. There needs to be additional creative ways put in place to do this.

Thank you for your consideration in extending the Pilot Program.

G&M Cabins Condominium Association

Lynn McNitt

From: Kristine Borchers <kristineborchers@yahoo.com>
t: Thursday, November 5, 2020 10:53 PM
To: Sandy Hines; Lynn McNitt
Subject: Fwd: Support letter for the pilot program

I dont think I forwarded this one yet

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Hector Gomez <harleyag81@yahoo.com>
Date: November 1, 2020 at 4:36:44 PM MST
[REDACTED] Thompson
<district1@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>, Sara Gutterman <district3@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>, Doug [REDACTED]
<[REDACTED]@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>, [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>, [REDACTED]
<michellmartin@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>, [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>
Subject: Support letter for the pilot program
Reply-To: Hector Gomez <harleyag81@yahoo.com>

Hello, I'm Hector Gomez and my wife Pam own three properties in Hinsdale county and are Full Time residents and love living in GODs country. We would like to inform you all that we support the pilot program and wish it to be extended. We have OHVs and use them for work transportation, snow removal, of our properties and for travel to our second home in the San Juan mountains. Without the pilot program we are very restricted on our use of our OHVs. We would wish it would be extended with in the city and surrounding subdivisions from Oct 1 to April 30. The people living year round need to have ability to use there OHVs. Thank you for your time.

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

Sandy Hines

From: Kristie Borchers
Sent: Sunday, November 1, 2020 12:23 PM
To: Susan Thompson; Sandy Hines
Subject: Fw: Support of pilot program

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



From: Kristine Borchers <kristineborchers@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 1, 2020 12:22 PM
To: Kristie Borchers <district2@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>
Subject: Fw: Support of pilot program

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From: Hector Gomez <harleyag81@yahoo.com>
To: Kristine Borchers <kristineborchers@yahoo.com>; [REDACTED] <district3@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@state.gov>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@hinsdalecounty.co>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@hinsdalecounty.co>
Sent: Sunday, November 1, 2020, 12:18:50 PM MST
Subject: Support of pilot program

I live at 1358 Golden Road and have two OHVs. I used them for work and play and need access to 149 for various needs. The pilot program is very important to complete the Alpine Loop. It is not only used by OHVs but by many other vehicles. The loop is also I feel in my opinion a destination point for many travels and visitor. Best regards,

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

Hello Kristine, Susan and Sara.

I was asked to write up a quick letter in support of the OHV pilot program which was a fantastic success for the Town of Lake City. The Pilot program should continue for numerous reasons, the two largest reasons increased revenue for LC businesses and more importantly for family and friend fun!

Personally, I am confused as to why we even need to write letters as OHV issues have been voted on not once but at least twice since I moved here a couple years. Most of the town is clearly in favor of OHV's and the successful pilot program.

Best Regards,

Dana Gowdy
PO Box 44
Lake City, CO 81235
970-398-0095

One of my favorite things, happiness.





Sandy Hines

From: Kristie Borchers
Sent: Saturday, October 31, 2020 1:01 PM
To: Sandy Hines; Susan Thompson; Sara Gutterman
Subject: Fw: Dana Gowdy Pro OHV Pro Pilot Program Letter
Attachments: Pilot Program letter.docx

Kristie Borchers
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From: Dana Marie <dana@fiberdyne.com>
Sent: Saturday, October 31, 2020 12:48 PM
To: Kristie Borchers <district2@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>
Subject: Fw: Dana Gowdy Pro OHV Pro Pilot Program Letter

From: Dana Marie
Sent: Saturday, October 31, 2020 12:45 PM
To: district1@hinsdalecountycolorado.us <district1@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>; district2@hinsdalecountycolorado.us <district2@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>; district3@hinsdalecountycolorado.us <district3@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>
Subject: Dana Gowdy Pro OHV Pro Pilot Program Letter

Hello. Attached is my pro OHV pro Pilot program letter.

Best Regards,

Dana Gowdy
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