

Lynn McNitt

From: Kristie Borchers
t: Sunday, November 8, 2020 12:33 PM
To: Lynn McNitt
Subject: Fw: CO 149 Pilot Program

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Hinsdale County Commissioner
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From: Diane Graham <dgrayham103@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 8, 2020 11:56 AM
To: Susan Thompson <district1@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>; Kristie Borchers <district2@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>;
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Subject: CO 149 Pilot Program

I am writing to express my concern with the CO149 Pilot Program in Lake City and Hinsdale County this past summer. I understand that there is a push to expand the temporary program from last summer to make it permanent and year round and extend the access limits on Hwy 149.

Frankly, after what I witnessed last summer, I think this is appalling. The damage to the Alpine Loop caused by destruction of fragile tundra alone should give us pause. In addition, the accumulation of trash and human waste, the damage to our already below standard roads and the non-stop traffic noise were disturbing.

My family began coming to Lake City in 1978 because of the unique combination of beauty, nature and old fashioned fun it afforded. Our children cherish their memories of summers filled with blue bottom races, catching water snakes and getting snowed on in July over the Loop. We finally fulfilled a life long dream and built our dream cabin in 2000. This story is simply to emphasize that while we are not year round residents, we have a vested interest in the welfare of Lake City and its friendly people. We have made friends with so many people over the years, how could we not?

So, I understand the obvious desire of many businesses to reap the financial rewards this new traffic offers. It is only human nature. What I cannot understand is taking this step without putting safeguards in place. Why do I not hear much about:

Limiting access to the Loop and enacting a fee system to help defray the expenses of caring for this asure of nature?

Adding some means of better policing the most fragile areas?

Dealing with trash?

Protecting the wildlife from disturbances and noise?

Giving a voice to the "quiet users" of these areas, hikers, fishermen, bikers, photographers who depend on being undisturbed in pursuit of their pastimes. Surely they deserve as much consideration as operators of motorized vehicles of any ilk?

Dealing with the unbelievable amount of noise and dust in town?

Initiating some way of notifying OHV users of the rules of operation in Lake City? Surely the OHVs I saw this weekend on Slumgullion Pass were not in compliance.

I urge you to step back and consider what you are contemplating. Once started, it would be difficult if not impossible to undo much of this action. I don't think the long term damage is worth the risk and I truly do not want Lake City to turn into the "Garbage and Hot Wheel Capital " of Colorado.

Diane Graham
P.O. Box 1045
Lake City, CO

I am writing this letter to you as stewards of our public lands to express my concerns regarding the OHV Pilot Program on Highway 149.

I have lived in Lake City full time since 1976. I am the director of the public library located on a corner of the Alpine Loop going through town. For the past two years or so and especially this past summer there were many days when the cacophony caused by the huge volume of OHV traffic in our narrow valley was extremely nerve racking.

The parking around the library up and down the streets on this corner is almost totally taken up by OHVs and trucks with large trailers. I watch OHVs run the stop sign on the corner frequently.

This issue for our small community is much bigger than the economic value that some see. It seems as though our quiet, peaceful town has been invaded by what I refer to as "clown cars". There are several groups in town marching onward with blatant disregard toward those who have legitimate concerns, seeing only dollar signs.

Many residents and property owners heavily impacted by the OHV traffic have had no voice, never having been allowed to vote on this issue.

The damage to nearly every county road caused by the small wheel base, aggressive tires and speed of the OHVs has compromised the concept of "multi-use" which in the past has been an important concept and vision in backcountry recreation. There is little likelihood of Hinsdale County having anywhere near the funding needed to repair the damage that has been done. Soon backcountry visitors will no longer want or be able to travel these roads by car or other personal vehicle.

Another particularly disturbing problem that has come to my attention is the amount of toilet paper etc. that can be found on the side of most roads including Highway 149. When stopped at a pullout on 149 this summer I counted 13+ piles.

My friends and family spend nearly every weekend in the high country and continue to marvel at the devastation that has been caused and which I fear will only continue due to lack of enforcement. As we travel to trail heads behind a convoy of OHVs, the dust, the lack of mirrors or turn signals is extremely annoying.

I realize there is little chance of putting the "genie back in the bottle". That being said we must come to some sort of compromise that includes regulation and enforcement. For the sake of this precious resource we call home and Hinsdale County we must all sit down at the table. Allowing OHVs to complete the Alpine Loop comes at far too high a cost to our community and the way of life.

I do not support continuing the Pilot Program on 149 or increasing the use of the state highway.

Thank you for your consideration.

Elaine Gray

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

From: Elaine Gray <elaineg@lakecityschool.org>
Date: Thu, Oct 22, 2020 at 9:42 AM
Subject: Pilot Program Highway 149
To: Bates - CDOT, Lenore <lenore.bates@state.co.us>

Thank you for your time and consideration.
Elaine Gray

Sandy Hines

From: Kristie Borchers
Sent: Thursday, October 22, 2020 9:51 AM
To: Sandy Hines
Subject: Fw: Pilot Program Highway 149
Attachments: pilot program letter.docx

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From: Bates - CDOT, Lenore <lenore.bates@state.co.us>
Sent: Thursday, October 22, 2020 9:46 AM
To: Kristie Borchers <district2@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>
Subject: Fwd: Pilot Program Highway 149

FYI.



Lenore C. Bates
Colorado Byways Program Manager



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Sandy Hines

From: Kristie Borchers
Sent: Wednesday, October 28, 2020 10:36 AM
To: Susan Thompson; Sara Gutterman; Sandy Hines
Subject: Fw: Pilot Program support

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From: Jim Gowdy <jgowdyiraq@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 28, 2020 9:54 AM
To: Kristie Borchers <district2@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>
Subject: Pilot Program support

My family and I are primary homeowners and business owners 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. The additional revenue generated by this program has allowed our business to thrive over the last years.

Jim Gowdy
Gowdy Properties
719-431-0243

Sandy Hines

From: Kristie Borchers
Sent: Saturday, October 31, 2020 12:22 PM
To: Sandy Hines
Subject: Fw: OHV HWY 149 PILOT PROGRAM FOR LAKE CITY

Kristie Borchers
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From: CHERYL GUNTER <field422@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, October 31, 2020 12:08 PM
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Cc: Susan Thompson <district1@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>; Kristie Borchers <district2@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>;
Sara Gutterman <district3@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>; [REDACTED]
Subject: OHV HWY 149 PILOT PROGRAM FOR LAKE CITY

SATURDAY OCT 31, 2020 AT 1:05 PM

ALL:

My wife and I just purchased a cabin in Lake City Colorado. My family has been coming to Lake City since the 1960's. We bought the cabin to enjoy the beauty of the surrounding area and travel the many trails and of course the Alpine Loop.

Closing or stopping the use of Hwy 149 to OHV's would surely dampen the use of the OHV's. There would be more trailers, more dust and just think of the parking problem having trailers all over town and the staging

areas.

We respectfully request that the OHV pilot program be extended or hopefully be made permanent. I wish it would include north of town to the Toy Wash.

Please don't let the few "Rotten Apples" (speeders, intentional noise makers or the selfless individuals) spoil it for the majority of us that love this place/area.

Thank you in advance and we appreciate your consideration.

David & Sheryl Gunter

750 Hinsdale CR 142
cabin #5
Lake City, CO 81235

CELL- 405-933-0326
HOME- 405-222-4941

Ann McCord

From: Sandy Hines
At: Sunday, November 8, 2020 9:23 PM
To: Ann McCord
Subject: FW: OHV HWY 149 PILOT PROGRAM FOR LAKE CITY

Sandy Hines

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



From: CHERYL GUNTER <field422@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 4, 2020 3:03 PM
To: Sandy Hines <administrator@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>
Subject: Fw: OHV HWY 149 PILOT PROGRAM FOR LAKE CITY

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

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

From: "CHERYL GUNTER" <field422@yahoo.com>
To: "Sandy Hines" <sandyhinesadministrator@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>
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<michallemartin@townoflakecity.com>, "Cory Hines" <coryhines@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>
Cc:
Sent: Sat, Oct 31, 2020 at 3:29 PM
Subject: Fw: OHV HWY 149 PILOT PROGRAM FOR LAKE CITY

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

From: CHERYL GUNTER <field422@yahoo.com>
To: "Sandy Hines" <sandyhinesadministrator@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>
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Sent: Saturday, October 31, 2020, 01:08:15 PM CDT
Subject: OHV HWY 149 PILOT PROGRAM FOR LAKE CITY

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Sandy Hines

From: Steve Gunter <steveg@airtech-ok.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 28, 2020 1:33 PM
To: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]; Kristine Borchers; Sandy Hines;
[REDACTED]
Cc: Susan Thompson; Sara Gutterman; Kristie Borchers; [REDACTED]
Subject: OHV HWY 149 Pilot Program for Lake City

All:

We have recently purchased and remodeled two cabins in Lake City, Colorado for our Family's Vacations . . . not just seasonal but year-round vacations. Much of the decision not just to purchase these cabins but the remodeling as well were influenced by the ability to use HWY 149 to access both the Alpine Loop and Town of Lake City by ATV. All thanks to the Colorado OHV Pilot Program.

We are writing to respectfully request that this program either be made permanent or at the very least be extended for several years down the road. Ideally, the extension would include expansion a little further north and south on 149 to those viable businesses and access points not now currently accessible (i.e.: Toy Wash and Hill 71).

The last thing I would think anyone would want to see are the trailers necessary to cart the OHVs to staging areas again hap-hazardly parked all over Lake City as you drive through. Trailers have wheels (sometimes even four), stir up dust, and, with a tow vehicle, take much more space to park. Combined are they really that much quieter if at all than most OHV's?

I can think of no more just revenue stream than the severe fining of those OHV enthusiast who make the rest of us look bad. We all want to keep Lake City the peaceful Mountain Community our family has so thoroughly enjoyed since 1964 . . . we just want to see the Mountains, too.

We appreciate your consideration,

Steve & Trish Gunter

720 & 730 CR 142
Lake City, CO 81235

Cell 405-831-6737, Office 405-528-2600

From: Kristie Borchers
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2020 5:56 PM
To: Sandy Hines
Subject: Fw: Pilot Program for Highway 149 in Lake City, CO for UTV's

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• I am a full-time resident and home owner in Lake City, CO. When I moved to Lake City, CO in 1998 I accepted that Lake City survives off tourism. I chose to bring my children to this town and raise them. I chose this town because of the quality of education that was offered here. I knew that Lake City was a small town and I was going to lose the benefits of a metropolitan area. When my children became full time school students I then focused on the Chamber of Commerce and joined the board there. One focus was on, how can we increase revenue in this town during the summer and are off seasons to help increase tax revenue. I want to remind you I have been here for 22 years and I chose to work, live, enjoy, and raise my children in a tourist community. When you move to Lake City and become a primary homeowner, a secondary homeowner, a business owner, or a visitor, you are accepting the fact that tourism is the way Lake City, CO survives.

UTVing has allowed a more diversified group of individuals and family's to participate in experiencing what Lake City has to offer, GODS country! This activity allows all ages to benefit. It especially allows the tourist in our town enjoy the Alpine Loop and other trails.

I own UTV's and my family and visitors have rented UTV's to enjoy the area around Lake City. Our family and visitors have been visiting us for over 20 years. We have educated them on the use of UTV's, the safety of UTV's, where it is legal to ride and not legal to ride so all rules are respected. People visiting us have benefited from the use of the pilot program. They can complete the Alpine Loop via the pilot provided and not have to stage trailers or figure out to get from one end to the other end of town. When they have access through the town keep in mind they have access to all the businesses and can choose to visit our visitors office, gift stores, restaurants, gas stations, grocery stores, RV parks, rental businesses, realty companies, bank, post office, ice cream parlor, movie theater and more.

The UTV pilot has been in place for two years. In the last two years we have had only one accident. I believe it is safer for a UTV to be in front of a car or behind a car on the highway and not on the side streets trying to figure out what road they can ride on and cross over. All parties benefit from the transportation going the same direction on the highway. I feel this program should be extended. It serves its purpose allowing an UTV user a safe way to travel through town and allowing access to the towns assets. Assets being a financial benefit to the Town of Lake City. I also believe the Pilot program should be extended to Car Wash going north on Highway 149 and Wood Lake Campground going South on Highway 149. They are businesses in town that exist because of tourism.

I want to also thank you for your consideration of this most important financial means needed for the town of Lake City, CO.

Sincerely,

Michelle Guthmiller
Lake City, CO 81235

Sandy Hines

From: Kristie Borchers
Sent: Wednesday, October 28, 2020 6:23 PM
To: Susan Thompson; Sara Gutterman; Sandy Hines
Subject: Fw: Ohv pilot program lake city

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From: Ben Hake <lakecitybasecamp@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 28, 2020 5:59 PM
To: Kristie Borchers <district2@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>; [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Subject: Ohv pilot program lake city

I own a home and lodging business in Lake City, CO and I'm writing to express my support for the ohv pilot program on 149. It worked really well this summer by extending it to Oceanwave Dr. It was much safer at the north end of Town and having the ohvs on Hwy 149 rather than the side streets eliminated dust and made the side streets a lot quieter. I still think a farther extension to wood lake campground to the south and Elk Rd to the north would be even better. The ohvs have a huge positive impact on my lodging business and also for the Town as a whole. I would ask that it be renewed again next season.

Ben Hake
Backcountry Basecamp
720 Gunnison Ave.
Lake City, CO. 81235

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

Lynn McNitt

From: Kristie Borchers
Sent: Saturday, November 7, 2020 4:38 PM
To: Lynn McNitt; Sandy Hines
Subject: Fw: OHV Pilot Program

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From: J G <lcajkm@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 7, 2020 1:55 PM
To: 'Carmen Mendez' <[REDACTED]@state.co.us>; Susan Thompson <[REDACTED]@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>; Kristie Borchers <district2@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>; Sara Gutterman <district3@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@townofakrecity.co>; Jesse Womack <[REDACTED]@townofakrecity.co>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@townofakrecity.co>; Dave Roberts <[REDACTED]@townofakrecity.co>; Michelle Martinez <[REDACTED]@townofakrecity.co>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@townofakrecity.co>
Subject: OHV Pilot Program

To all concerned parties
As a 22-year permanent resident of Lake City. I have seen a lot of change over the years. The three things that have been a constant is the need for an upgrade in the infrastructure of the community and the rapidly increasing cost to do so. The other constant is that there is not enough tax base to pay for these badly needed improvements. We as permanent members of the community have worked hard to encourage tourism in the county to help improve our tax base and provide badly needed services to the community. A large portion of this increase in tax revenue has come from our welcoming tourists and growing the off road community. If we as a community are going to financially survive with the increasing taxes being imposed, we need to welcome visitors and encourage them to enjoy and respect our little piece of heaven. I am encouraging all parties to embrace the pilot program by extending it for another 3 to 5 years. I also would request that the boundaries be extended to Woodlake Campground on the south end and minimum of the Toy Wash to the North. This would allow access for all patrons to all business's fairly. I would also request that the program be extended to a minimum of 10/31 or when the passes officially close for the season. This would allow for the later season visitors to enjoy Lake City's beauty and help extend the late shoulder season that so many retired individuals enjoy. How many more tax dollars can we as a community continue to waste on constant senseless elections that have the same outcome! We as a community need to move forward and embrace the OHV's and focus on the infrastructure needed, both now and in the future, to make sure that Lake City remains strong and doesn't senselessly tear itself apart! Sincerely,

. Guthmiller

Lynn McNitt

From: Kristie Borchers
To: Monday, November 9, 2020 7:07 PM
Subject: Lynn McNitt; Sandy Hines
Fw: OHV Pilot Program for Hinsdale County and the City of Lake City, Colorado

Kristie Borchers
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From: Jefe-Taco Hall <tacofrog48@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 9, 2020 6:57 PM
To: Susan Thompson <district1@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>; Kristie Borchers <district2@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>; Sara Gutterman <district3@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>
Subject: OHV Pilot Program for Hinsdale County and the City of Lake City, Colorado

I am a homeowner and resident of Lake City, Colorado, and also own two OHVs. The State's Pilot Program allowing OHVs to be driven on portions of HWY 149 for the past two years was greatly appreciated, and I believe an extension of this program for another 3-5 years is beneficial to the city of Lake City and to its residents. The extension will allow both residents and visitors of Lake City access to the entire Alpine Loop without the need to own, operate and store utility trailers. Without the extension Lake City businesses will see a reduction in revenue, and the city of Lake City will experience a reduction in sales tax revenues.

I just turned 72 on November 4, love the great outdoors, am respectful of God's creation and unfortunately my knees no longer afford me the privilege of hiking the mountains as I once did.

Thank you for your consideration of my request.

Red Hall

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Sandy Hines

From: Kristie Borchers
Sent: Saturday, October 31, 2020 10:51 AM
To: Sandy Hines
Subject: Fw: OHV enthusiasts

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From: Teresa Hamilton <teresa@teresahamilton.com>

Sent: Saturday, October 31, 2020 10:29 AM

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

Subject: OHV enthusiasts

To our Lake City officials,

I'm a second homeowners in Lake City. One of the reasons we bought is because of the enjoyment we get from ridding our razors on the Alpine Loop. With the pilot program we can ride from our home to the loop. At the end of the day we come off the loop and stop for dinner. We really support the restaurants and businesses in Lake City so they can stay open.

Silverton has restricted areas. You can't drive in neighborhoods but you can drive to and from the loop and to the local businesses.

Please consider a compromise with the local residents that are against the pilot program. I don't believe this has to be an all or nothing decision. It's extremely difficult for local businesses to survive in Lake City. Allowing OHVers to drive in town on Hwy 149 has increased their business. I'm for extending the pilot program or making some reasonable changes on both sides.

Sincerely,
Teresa Hamilton

Thank you,
Teresa Hamilton

Sandy Hines

From: Susan Thompson
Sent: Thursday, October 29, 2020 12:52 PM
To: Sandy Hines
Subject: Fw:

Susan Thompson
District 1
Hinsdale County Commissioner

From: 5734335790@mms.att.net <5734335790@mms.att.net>
Sent: Thursday, October 29, 2020 11:33 AM
To: Susan Thompson <district1@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>
Subject:

I just bought a house in Lake City this year. One of the main reasons was because I could enjoy the outdoor scenery in my OHV.

I like using it more than a car.

I enjoy riding it to Lake San Cristobal to go fishing.

I use it to go grocery shopping and to the bakery or for a meal.

It is smaller than any car and is safe.

Please extend our usage permit for this township and local area.

Michael Harrington
Retired Veteran

Lynn McNitt

From: Kristie Borchers
Sent: Sunday, November 8, 2020 7:04 PM
To: Sandy Hines
Cc: Lynn McNitt
Subject: Fw: Hinsdale County OHV extention

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From: Brad Hall <bhallcell@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 8, 2020 5:38 PM

To: Kristie Borchers <district2@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Hinsdale County OHV extention

To whom it concerns.

I personally grew up in Lake City from 1976 to 1988 and my family has owned vacation homes in the area ever since. Our family cherishes Lake City as our second home and we spend a great deal of time every year there.

We respectfully request you continue to renew the OHV extention policy. Lake City is more fun and more accessible, and safer when OHV's can use the highway rather than trailers, and OHV are much safer than vehicles on dangerous 4wd roads.

Please renew the extention for us all to enjoy our town, in our own ways. Those opposed lose nothing. Those for retain freedom and safety.

Best regards,
Brad and Trina Hall
400 Pine St.
Lake City, CO 81235

Ann McCord

From: Sandy Hines
At: Sunday, November 8, 2020 9:27 PM
To: Ann McCord
Subject: FW: Pilot Program

Sandy Hines

- County Administrator
- Public Information Officer
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-----Original Message-----

From: Shannon Hammon <teamcleanshannon@live.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 4, 2020 4:50 PM
To: Sandy Hines <administrator@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>
Subject: Pilot Program

I just wanted to drop a few positive comments regarding your pilot program.

1. It's a big reason people travel from very far to vacation.

2. It's a big reason for real estate increasing. Which is good for everyone 3. It has become a young family destination because of this also. Keeping kids outdoors and active.

4. This is a one of kind spot in the world. It's worth the effort to keep the OVH

Thank you

Shannon Hammon

Been going to Lake City since 2002

Sandy Hines

From: Kristie Borchers
Sent: Friday, October 30, 2020 8:06 AM
To: Sandy Hines
Subject: Fw: oppose OHV

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From: Deb Harrison <harrisondeb1@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 29, 2020 9:03 PM
To: Kristie Borchers <district2@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>
Subject: oppose OHV

I've been a resident of Colorado for 31 years and I love exploring the wilderness. I visited Lake City this past summer to climb some nearby 14ers and was saddened to see the OHVs all over town and the trails. I understand that we all need to share the beautiful lands but I do not support OHVs in town and hope you will vote to ban them on roads.

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Susan Thompson: district1@hinsdalecountycolorado.us

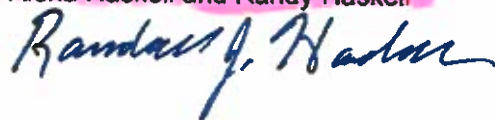
Kristine Borchers: district2@hinsdalecountycolorado.us

Hi everyone, we are primary homeowners in Lake City, Colorado. We hope you continue the ATV pilot program and maybe even let the program be all year or at least keep it going the entire time the Alpine Loop is open. A little confusing when the program just ends on September 30th. It would be nice if the program was evaluated every 3 to 5 years and not every year. Also, 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 would give access to the loop to more residents and visitors.

Thank you,



Alena Haskell and Randy Haskell



Sandy Hines

From: Susan Thompson
Sent: Wednesday, October 28, 2020 2:39 PM
To: Sandy Hines
Subject: Fw: ATV Pilot program
Attachments: Atv letter.PDF

Susan Thompson
District 1
Hinsdale County Commissioner

From: Alena Haskell <rnahaskell@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 28, 2020 2:37 PM
To: [REDACTED]; Susan Thompson
<district1@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>; Kristie Borchers <district2@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>
Subject: ATV Pilot program

Hi please see my attached letter to support the ATV pilot program.

Thank you,
Alena Haskell

Ann McCord

From: Sandy Hines
nt: Sunday, November 8, 2020 9:32 PM
To: Ann McCord
Subject: FW: OHV Program

Sandy Hines

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

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

From: W Hathaway <hathwl@icloud.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 4, 2020 6:40 PM
To: Sandy Hines <administrator@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>
Subject: OHV Program

Dear Hinsdale County:

I want to share with you that I am strongly in favor of making the OHV Pilot Program that allows use of OHV's on public roads a permanent allowance. I live in the San Luis Valley and like to ride my OHV in your area. Being able to complete the loop on Engineer and Cinnamon makes for a more enjoyable day of riding. In our case, it also means more exposure to businesses in your town. We usually stop to eat in one of your establishments before heading back to our trailer.

In early October we rode over Engineer and into Silverton for lunch and fuel. It would have been nice to complete the loop and not have to backtrack. If you move forward with this allowance, please keep in mind that some of the best riding for us is done after Labor Day.

Thank you for your time,

Will Hathaway
719-850-1755

Sandy Hines

From: Sylvia Healey <sylviahealey5@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 9:04 AM
To: Sandy Hines
Subject: OHV's

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

To Whom It Concerns:

I want to say that I am totally in favor of OHV's being allowed in town and on the highways. It seems very inconvenient and silly if they cannot drive in town....to go eat, grocery shop, buy goods and visit Lake City.

We live on Silver Street by the Museum and watch the OHV's go up and back Henson Creek all day. We hear them going and coming on 149. Frankly we are not bothered by the noise at all and I don't think the noise is coming from the OHV's. Lake City makes its money from tourism and I am all for encouraging and welcoming all of them along with their OHV's.

Thanks,
Bill Healey

Sent from my iPhone

Sandy Hines

From: Kristie Borchers
Sent: Sunday, November 15, 2020 11:33 PM
To: Sandy Hines
Subject: Fw: CO149 OHV Pilot Program safety concerns
Attachments: 2020-11-03 OHV Pilot Program Letter.pdf

i missed this one

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



From: Piep van Heuven <piep@bicyclecolorado.org>
Sent: Tuesday, November 3, 2020 2:30 PM
To: Susan Thompson <district1@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>; Kristie Borchers <district2@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>; Sara Gutterman <district3@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>
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Subject: CO149 OHV Pilot Program safety concerns

Dear Commissioners,

We are writing today to ask you not to pursue a continuation of the CO149 OHV Pilot Program that allows OHV's on a stretch of State Highway bisecting Lake City in Hinsdale County.

As you may know Bicycle Colorado is the state's nonprofit bicycle advocacy organization. We have more than 10,000 members statewide, and a nearly 30 year history advocating for safe and accessible conditions for people who bicycle in Colorado.

Bicycle Colorado members in the area tell us the OHV pilot program has led to some very unsafe conditions for bicyclists in the pilot area and well beyond it. They cite a dramatic rise in wrong-way traffic OHV operation, OHV trailer parking and "pull-outs" on the road and shoulders that create a hazard, and frequent unsafe passing maneuvers that create a hostile road environment for recreationists who bicycle. One member even reported

direct threats he received from OHV operators to “get off the road.” The largely unmonitored and unenforced pilot area also suffers from a lack of paved roadway shoulder areas or bike lane markings, and this exacerbates the OHV-related safety issues that are impacting people driving and biking on CO149.

Key safety concerns include:

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- OHV's
- are not designed for safe roadway operation
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- OHV
- drivers aren't driving or parking safely, and they are creating hazardous conditions for all road users, including bicyclists
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- There
- is a significant uptick in traffic, dust, noise, and threatening OHV driver behavior
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- County and State resources means there is little enforcement
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- The
- lack of a paved shoulder area or marked bike lanes make bicyclists even more vulnerable when OHV operators cause conflict
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Please take action to restore safe road conditions for people bicycling in Lake City and Hinsdale County by moving not to renew the OHV pilot project.

Sincerely,

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Piep van Heuven
Director of Government Relations, Bicycle Colorado
Pronouns: she/her/hers
1525 Market Street, Suite 100
Denver, CO 80202

(303) 417-1544, x108
bicyclecolorado.org

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Sandy Hines

From: Richard Hewitt III <rhewittiii@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2020 2:30 PM
To: Sandy Hines
Subject: CDOT PILOT PROGRAM

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please allow this letter to serve as a vehicle to express my strongest feelings against any continuation of the CDOT Pilot Program in Hinsdale County for numerous reasons that have been previously delineated and forwarded to you from permanent residents, seasonal residents and a host of concerned environmental, safety and recreational organizations. I will not bore you with a repeat of those astute observations.

My only additional comment to those already forwarded to you is my grave concern for the impact of a dramatic increase in one form of recreation that supplants other traditional and more financially beneficial recreational forms. At past and now current volumes of OHV usages in the County alternative recreation and business source recreational usage are already being diminished. Whether this has been considered is most questionable to date and supporting the continuation of the CDOT Pilot Project will only make matters worse. In economics this is referred to as unconsidered consequences which is already occurring.

Please advise CDOT "NO" to any continuation.

Sincerely,
Richard Hewitt III

Sent from my iPad

Sandy Hines

From: Kristie Borchers
Sent: Friday, October 30, 2020 6:01 PM
To: Sandy Hines
Subject: Fw: OHV's

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



From: Lisa Higgins <lisahiggins243@gmail.com>

Sent: Friday, October 30, 2020 5:57 PM

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

[REDACTED]
<judith.wigworth@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>; [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Subject: OHV's

Dear Sirs:

We are managers at the Lake Fork Ranches with 30 plus second homeowners. We have welcomed the flexibility to drive on Hwy 149 that was approved by the State's Pilot Program for OHV's. 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 of Lake City. These extensions help keep down the need for owners to purchase, own or rent and store trailers. This industry has kept our town going in a major way even during a Pandemic. Seems only the right thing to do to keep the business here with OHV's. There are good information programs being done to inform all the riders. There was only 1 accident involving an OHV to our knowledge this whole summer. OHV's are needed in Lake City to keep our town alive and headed in the right direction.

Thank you for your time.

Lisa and Jim Higgins

Sandy Hines

From: Kristie Borchers
Sent: Thursday, October 29, 2020 4:12 PM
To: Sandy Hines
Subject: Fwd: Pilot for OHV use on HWY 149

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Corky & Donna Hill <cordon@junct.com>
Date: October 29, 2020 at 2:38:02 PM MDT
To: "_____, Kristie Borchers <district2@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>, "_____
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 _____, Susan Thompson <district1@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>, Sara Gutterman <district3@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>
Subject: Pilot for OHV use on HWY 149

We live in Lake City, CO part time from Memorial Weekend till the end of September. We own OHV's and also rent them when we have more visitors than machines. We have welcomed the flexibility of being able to drive on HWY 149 that has been provided by the State's Pilot Program. We are requesting the extension of the pilot program for another 3-5 years with possible expansion to include use of HWY 149 to Woodlake Park on the South Side and to the car wash or Elk Road on the North end. These extensions allow residents and visitors of Lake City to access both access points to the Alpine Loop without having to own, use and store trailers.

Thank you in advance for your consideration on this request.

Ron and Donna Hill

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Date: October 29, 2020 at 6:52:32 AM MDT

To: "Jane [REDACTED]" Susan Thompson

Guterman <district3@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>, "Guterman, [REDACTED]@lakeside.com"

11: _____

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Subject: Support for Pilot extension

I would like to see the pilot extended for 3-5 years, for it to be in effect year-round, and for the boundaries to be expanded from Elk Road to Woodland Park. The reasons are numerous and have been stated by many. Lake City is a tiny town that has been hit with the catastrophic avalanche season of 2019 to be followed by the CoVid pandemic. Many businesses have closed or are struggling greatly. The pilot program encourages tourists to visit Lake City and they are the life-blood of the local economy. The use of OHV's on State HWY 149 encourages that tourism and brings vital dollars to the community.

Thanks,

Mark Holland

Lake City CO

Cell 303-883-1154

Sandy Hines

From: Kristie Borchers
Sent: Sunday, November 1, 2020 6:12 PM
To: Susan Thompson; Sara Gutterman; Sandy Hines
Subject: Fw: State's Pilot Program for Use of HWY 149

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



From: Hotzel, Adam <ajhotzel@bechtel.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 1, 2020 2:09 PM
To: Kristie Borchers <district2@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>
Subject: State's Pilot Program for Use of HWY 149

Kristine Borchers,

We are visitors of Lake City, Colorado. We also own/use OHV's and have welcomed the flexibility to drive on HWY 149 that has been provided by the State's Pilot Program. This flexibility allowed a much safer option by eliminating the need to double pull an additional trailer behind a camper or 5th wheel. 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/or store trailers.

We visit at least twice a year stay at Elkhorn RV for 4 to 7 days. We also eat and shop local to support the local restaurants, shops and businesses. 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 Sheriff's office resources.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request.

Adam Hotzel
Lindstrom Drive
Colorado Springs, CO 80911
719-205-5177
a_hotzel@yahoo.com

Lynn McNitt

From: Ann McCord
nt: Thursday, November 5, 2020 3:03 PM
To: Lynn McNitt
Subject: FW: Pilot Program

From: Ron Bruce <st8cop@centurytel.net>
Sent: Thursday, November 5, 2020 11:02 AM
To: Sara Gutterman <district3@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>; Susan Thompson <district1@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>;
 'Kristine Borchers' <kristineborchers@yahoo.com>; Ann McCord <office@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>
Cc: [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED] #207 @gmail.com; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]
 brucevinchell@gmail.com; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Pilot Program

Steve and Gayla Howell are from Oklahoma but hope to retire sometime next year and wanted to buy a home in Lake City area. Steve is a Captain with Oklahoma Highway Patrol. In the past, they have been spending one month in the summer here, usually at Highlander RV CG.

Ron

From: Steve H <pho217@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 04, 2020 7:42 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Pilot Program

We made reservations for July 2021, if the OHV program goes away we will have to find another Colorado town more friendly to OHVs.
I hope this doesn't happen since we have made many friends in Lake City.

Steve H

On Wednesday, November 4, 2020 Ron Bruce [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: Hard Tack Mine <hardtackmine@centurytel.net>
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2020 1:56 PM
To: Sandy Hines; [REDACTED]
Subject: OHV Pilot Program

Hinsdale County Commissioners
Lake City Town Trustees

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the OHV pilot program.
We are owners of a business located on CR20, Henson Creek Rd. The pilot program is a benefit to our business and we support the continuance and extension on Hwy 149 North and South.

George & Beth Hurd
Hard Tack Mine
Lake City, CO 81235



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