

## Sandy Hines

**From:** Kristie Borchers  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 28, 2020 10:37 AM  
**To:** Susan Thompson; Sara Gutterman; Sandy Hines  
**Subject:** Fw: Highway 149 OHV Pilot Program

**Kristie Borchers**  
**Hinsdale County Commissioner**  
**PO Box 277**  
**Lake City, CO 81235**  
**[district2@hinsdalecountycolorado.us](mailto:district2@hinsdalecountycolorado.us)**  
**970-596-9071**



**From:** Robert Hurd <rkhurd@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 28, 2020 8:44 AM  
**To:** zane.znamenacek@state.co.us <zane.znamenacek@state.co.us>; Kristie Borchers  
 .district2@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED];  
 [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED];  
 [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED];  
**Subject:** Highway 149 OHV Pilot Program

Sent from **Mail** for Windows 10

**Dear Zane And County, City Officials: We wish to add our support for renewing the OHV Pilot Program on Highway 149 through and beyond the Town of Lake City for 3 to 5 more years with a slight extension on both ends of the current program to Wood Lakes RV Campground to the South end and the Toy Wash on the North end. We have lived and worked in Lake City for at least 50 years this program has helped our economy GREATLY we have a small business that benefits from this program. We also own two ATVs and use the Pilot Program in a personal way to access our High Country roads in a much safer and convenient way. We think with additional enforcement of speed and all rules that govern this program it can continue to help our areas economy in a big way. Our area has 8 Months of almost zero economy the 4 months of Summer is how our business community pays its Taxes and covers there profits and other costs. You can drive through Lake City the other 8 Months and as the Old Saying says You Can Hear A Pin Drop nothing to very little Economy happening just Quiet so a little action and some Noise is welcome to help our Hard Pressed Business Community Survive. Please Consider our request to keep this very important Pilot Program in place. Thanks For Your Consideration.**

**Robert And Karen Hurd**  
**Lake City CO.**



Thanks,

Kamryn Holland

Kamryn Holland

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"One good thing about music: when it hits you, you feel no pain"

-Bob Marley

## Sandy Hines

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**From:** D and R Jackson <dcrljackson@cox.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 11, 2020 7:01 PM  
**To:** Sandy Hines  
**Subject:** OHV comments

Hello,

I would like Hinsdale County to continue allowing OHVs on Lake City streets and access to CR30. Among the benefits OHVs bring to Hinsdale County are:

- Makes the Lake City area a unique destination in Colorado
- Great for businesses revenue-wise according to all the business owners I spoke with
- Allows older people, flatlanders, and those with disabilities easy access to Lake City attractions, Lake San Cristobal, Alpine Loop, etc. and surrounding areas.

For the record we sat on our front porch most evenings July 1 through the end of September and the number of times OHVs were a "momentary nuisance", i.e too loud or speeding, I could count on one hand. They were not unique in this sense as there were about the same number of other vehicle types (cars, trucks, motorcycles) that were momentary nuisances.

Thank you,

David and Ricki Jackson

Seasonal residents

517 N. Henson St.



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## Sandy Hines

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**From:** Kristie Borchers  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 29, 2020 5:26 PM  
**To:** Sandy Hines  
**Subject:** Fw: Taking away OHV

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**From:** SapphireSphynx <sapphiresphynx@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 29, 2020 4:29 PM  
**To:** Kristie Borchers <district2@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>; zane.znamenacek@state.co.us  
<[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Taking away OHV

To whom this my concern,

Taking the privilege of driving OHV in Lake City will be a huge loss for all. What will the locals do if there is no tourism anymore due to this?? Many come for the leisure, like my family and I do. This is what makes Lake City stand out amongst other small remote towns. I will hate to see what happens to the town is this happens...

Sincerely,  
Jacoby [REDACTED]

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**From:** Kristie Borchers  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 28, 2020 10:52 AM  
**To:** Sandy Hines  
**Subject:** Fw: HWY 149 Pilot Program

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**From:** Richard Jakino <richjakino@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 28, 2020 10:43 AM

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

**Subject:** HWY 149 Pilot Program

Zane:

I am a long time resident of Montrose and a long time ATV rider. Over the past many years, I have made many trips to Lake City on the Alpine Loop. This year I have been to Lake City for lunch 3 times. Two times with Family members and once with the ATV Club that I am a member of. The ATV Club ride had 32 people that had lunch in Lake City. This is good for the economy of the town and it provides a good source of recreation in our area.

Having the ability to make a loop on these trips made them more enjoyable. Had these trips been up and back on the same route, there would not have been as many trips or as many people going to Lake City.

There for I would like to ask you to consider extending this Pilot Program for another 3-5 years with possible extension 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.

Thank you in advance for your consideration on this request.

Rich Jakino  
27 Eton Ct.  
Montrose, CO 81401  
970-209-8900

## Sandy Hines

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**From:** Kristie Borchers  
**Sent:** Friday, November 13, 2020 5:54 PM  
**To:** Sandy Hines  
**Subject:** Fw: UTV Support

i think this is one additionally

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**From:** Brian jernigan <bkjernigan@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 30, 2020 8:13 PM  
**To:** Susan Thompson <district1@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>  
**Cc:** Kristie Borchers <district2@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>; Sara Gutterman <district3@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>;  
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[REDACTED];  
[REDACTED];  
[REDACTED];  
[REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Fwd: UTV Support

Good day.

I am a seasonal visitor in Lake City, Colorado. We also use OHV's and have welcomed the flexibility to drive State's Pilot Program. I am requesting the extension of the pilot program for another 3-5 years with possible Woodlake Park on the South Side and to the car wash or Elk Road on the North end. These extensions allow access both access points to the Alpine Loop without having to own, use and store trailers. Without the use I am inclined to visit this area and take our seasonal vacations elsewhere.

We truly enjoy coming to this area. Please keep the access open.

Thank you in advance for your consideration on this request.

Brian Jernigan  
[bkjernigan@gmail.com](mailto:bkjernigan@gmail.com)  
817-808-6100



**Sandy Hines**

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**From:** Ulli Sir Jesse <ullisirjesse@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 1, 2020 8:18 PM  
**To:** Susan Thompson; Kristie Borchers; Sara Gutterman; Sandy Hines; Mayor Bruce Vierheller; Trustee Michelle Martin; Trustee Dave Roberts; Trustee Doug Hamel; Trustee Jud Hollingsworth; Trustee Jesse Kendall; Town Manager Caroline Mitchell  
**Subject:** Please No OHV use.

Dear decision-makers,

I love to hike near Silverton and Lake City over the years (I have lived in Ouray County since 2012 and in San Miguel County before that since 1986)--I have witnessed with alarm the increased use of OHVs. And unfortunately, the increased damage caused by their off-road use in the high country. Though only a few "yahoos" are driving off-road, the damage is significant and irreparable.

And no one can deny that the impact of OHV use this year. Yes, Covid was a factor with many folks seeking some kind of relief from shut-downs elsewhere and the need to recreate 'safely' outdoors. But there is no question that the opening of the link between the two high passes (Engineer and Cinnamon) created a substantially higher number of uses this year.

Many have made the argument that it is illegal to run OHVs on the highway, I do not need to say more except to chime in and agree. Let's do the one thing we can to slow down this trend--cancel the program. And perhaps invest some funds in the education and enforcement of behaving with respect in the backcountry.

Thank you for your consideration,

Ulli Sir Jesse



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520 S Amelia  
Ridgway, CO 81432  
970 729 2590



## Sandy Hines

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**From:** Kristie Borchers  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 29, 2020 5:13 PM  
**To:** Sandy Hines  
**Subject:** Fw: Lake City OHV

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**From:** Thomas Carl <tcat232@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 29, 2020 2:44 PM  
**To:** Kristie Borchers <district2@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Lake City OHV

Sincerely,  
Thomas Carl

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** ametco@birch.net  
**Date:** October 29, 2020 at 10:14:59 AM MDT  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Lake City OHV

Tom

My cousins have home in Lake City and ask me to email you concerning OHV  
We have home in SouthFork and bring guests over to Lake City during the summer.  
Everyone enjoys the area to ride our side by sides and 4 wheelers.  
But there is more we love eating afterwards there in town.  
All visits to LC begin with the bakery, whether we are riding, enjoying wine festival or concert.

Feel free to contact me if there is anything needed to keep this privilege

Monty Johnson

817-219-5457  
mjametco@gmail.com



Sent: Thursday, October 29, 2020 8:01 AM

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judhelli@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>: Ingle City Chamber of

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<district3@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>; [REDACTED]  
Subject: Support OHV's in Lake City

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**Thank you in advance for your consideration on this request**

**Michael S. Liss Johnson**

10:03



Done

## Lake City OHVS

To Whom it May Concern:

Lake City, CO is my beautiful second home. I enjoy riding OHV's and have enjoyed having the privilege of riding on HWY 149 during the State's Pilot Program. I am requesting the pilot program is extended for another 3-5 years. I would like to be able to ride to the car wash, so I can wash my OHV's. It is a wonderful program, so I can ride the loop and not have to worry about going and getting vehicle and trailer when I get back to town.

Thank you for considering my request.

Thank you,

Randall E. James

660 N. Pine

Lake City, CO 81235

1800 N. Santa Fe

Guthrie, OK 73044

## Sandy Hines

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**From:** Kristie Borchers  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 31, 2020 11:09 AM  
**To:** Sandy Hines  
**Subject:** Fw: Lake City OHV's  
**Attachments:** Lake City OHVS.pages

I can't open this attachment

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**From:** Lori James <randalljamesoilco@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 31, 2020 11:03 AM  
**To:** Kristie Borchers <district2@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>  
**Subject:** Lake City OHV's

## **Sandy Hines**

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**From:** Kristie Borchers  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 28, 2020 3:43 PM  
**To:** Sandy Hines  
**Subject:** Fw: HWY 149 Pilot Program for UTVs

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**From:** Larry Jones <ljones135@att.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 28, 2020 3:33 PM  
**To:** Susan Thompson <district1@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>; Kristie Borchers <district2@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>; Sara Gutterman <district3@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>  
**Subject:** HWY 149 Pilot Program for UTVs

Commissioners Susan Thompson, Kristene Borchers and Sara Gutterman,

I'm writing as a annual visitor to Lake City, CO. My wife and I actually stay in Lake City at The Elkhorn RV and Cabin Resort. In 2020, we were there for 2 weeks, exploring the area driving our Can-Am Maverick X3s, side by sides. We have welcomed the flexibility to drive on HWY 149 that has been provided by the State's Pilot Program. I'm 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 points to the Alpine Loop without having to use and find someplace to park our LONG trailer, to navigate the area. Actually to ride the Alpine Loop, we'd need a shuttle service or someone to pick us up at the end of the Cinnamon Pass trail.

Thank you in advance for your consideration on this request.

Sincerely,

Larry Jones  
ljones135@att.net  
816-674-3253  
531 NE Summit Dr.  
Blue Springs, MO. 64014



## Sandy Hines

**From:** peter\_nesbitt@icloud.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 29, 2020 11:05 AM  
**To:** Susan Thompson; Kristie Borchers; Sara Gutterman; Sandy Hines  
**Subject:** Letter from J.L. Jones ref. CO149 Pilot Program (Hinsdale County Commissioners)

Commissioners:

I received the attached letter from J.L. Jones, a seasonal resident and 2nd homeowner in Hinsdale County. Mr. Jones granted me permission to share his letter with you. His letter articulates the frustration that many 2nd homeowners in Hinsdale County feel, and that is a feeling of financial contribution to Lake City and Hinsdale County without having a voice in decisions made by Local and State officials regarding the CO149 Pilot Program. – PDN

Peter,

This letter is regarding the current discussion of OHV's being allowed on Colorado State Highways. According to a recent letter sent out by the Alpine Outdoor (AOA) Association dated October 11, 2020, there is a small and highly but highly vocal group that continues to express displeasure at losing the election for the OHV Pilot project.

The citizens of Lake City defeated the vote for the OHV Pilot project three times. The main basis for the argument for allowing masses of OHV's into a small mountain town such as Lake City has been economics-it supposedly has increased sales tax revenue for the City and contributed to the economy of Hinsdale County. The real economy of Lake City depends on most taxpayers who are 2nd homeowners or who live in the County and cannot vote in City elections. This group of residents pays approximately 80% of the County taxes according to the number of tax assessments sent out of State. This group pays most of the taxes for the School, the health center, and the County Sheriff's Office and Constables. This group supports the Lake City Museum, the Lake City Arts, the businesses in Lake City, and the trades people who live in Lake City. Many of these residents spend thousands of dollars in Lake City every year and I have records that indicate that I have spent an average of \$8,500/year in home maintenance. This group is not a small group and it represents most of the resident owners in Hinsdale CT, but most cannot vote in any election.

The group of residents against OHV travel in LC have been characterized by others, in statements at meetings and the "Silver World" Newspaper, as spoiled retirees and blithering idiots. The group against the pilot program represents many people with various backgrounds and training from many States. Many of us worked 30-40 years to be able to build or purchase a summer residence in the San Juan Mountains. Most of the people in this group would state that they came to the Lake City area for the natural majesty, peacefulness, natural tranquility, and climate. On the two blocks of the street that I live on we have had several new homes being built or completed for approximately \$1,500,000. The residents are from Texas, Oklahoma, Florida, Georgia, and Lake City. My street is 100 yards east of State HWY 149 and all we hear all day is the incessant noise of OHV's. The residents on my street are all against the OHV pilot program but we cannot vote since we live in the County or we are non-residents.

We are not against the summer residents who reside in RV parks (7 in Hinsdale CT) who collectively spend millions of dollars into the local economy and who used to bring and keep OHV's on trailers on site. Normally these OHV's were transported on trailers to designated disembarkation areas. When my Family comes to LC with OHV's, they keep them on trailers and drive to the staging areas. The Family uses licensed vehicles to travel in LC. If a person examines historical quarterly tax revenues for LC, it will be noticed that on occasion the winter quarter post the highest tax revenue for the year. The 2020 year has been an unusual year due to the COVID outbreak. The highways have shown more traffic than I have encountered in my 25 years of travel across three States. This situation resulted in the most traffic I have seen in LC since 1995. The daily visit by OHVs into Hinsdale CT and LC probably has increased over all quarterly tax revenue. How many OHV's purchasing lunch, drinks and filling 5-gallon gas tanks would it take to equal the \$12,000 I poured into the economy? There are several shop keepers who want to produce a large income in three months which equates to their voting for any program that will increase income for themselves.

Most resident owners and taxpayers worked all their lives 40+hr/week in order to purchase or build a home to get away from all the big city traffic and to live in a peaceful small mountain village. Do the people who live in Grand Junction, Denver, Durango, or other towns in Colorado desire to have OHV's traveling down their streets at all times during the day?

I spend \$3,000 a year in LC for taxes and fees. How many of the daily OHV tourist pay this amount into Hinsdale CT? The Group against the CO 149 Pilot Program have provided their capital and many years of their lives devoted to preserving the culture, peace and solitude of the LC area and Colorado. Do the interest and requirements of a group of mechanized people traveling through LC for one day deserve the same degree of consideration from COOT?

The AOA members own OHV's on private property and must use CO HWY 149 to go into LC and take care of personal business. How do you think I feel when I drive my licensed legal vehicle (which cost me \$80 to register and pay to the County and State) to the Post Office and an OHV parks next to me that is not legal or licensed? The AOA group wishes to be able to drive their OHV's anywhere in town 24 hours a day 365 days a year, and they are of the opinion they have the legal right to do so. Their request really has nothing to do with the Alpine Loop CO 149 Pilot Program.

OHV's are off-highway vehicles that are not certified for use on highways, paved roads or hard pack surfaces. Not one OHV is certified by the Federal Government to comply with crash test standards. All the OHV trade groups and manufacturers state the same in their literature.

There have been numerous observations by people in the field such as professional hiking guides who have reported destruction of the native tundra/vegetation by OHV's in restricted areas. The excess travel and presence of OHV's has been a big factor in the deterioration of CT roads 20 and 30. The roads are in the worst condition I have experienced in 20 years. The County Commissioners claim there is not the budget to maintain the roads. This is a critical situation in the entire State of Colorado and the Forest Service, BLM, the State, and the Counties must come up with some type of overall plan.

A previous Hinsdale County Sherriff stated that the CT does not have the resources to enforce all the guidelines and State regulations involving the increased OHV traffic on CO HWY 149 and the CT roads involved in the Alpine Loop. All that an OHV owner must do is to obtain a State tag at designated sporting goods stores to be able to travel in Federal Forest/National Parks. No one examines the OHV's for equipment that meets or satisfies the guidelines or State regulations for an OHV.

Many of my neighbors, colleagues, and lifetime LC residents travel to Creed, Alamosa, Gunnison, and Montrose and we all have observed OHV's north and south of LC on HWY 149 even as far south as the Continental Divide. We have not observed the presence of CSP or Hinsdale CT Sherriff Constables except in a few cases. Every day I have observed speeding OHV's driving down CO HWY149 in Wades Edition.

Our Group is basically attempting to preserve the culture and all the basic reasons why anyone would wish to own a residence in LC. We are certainly not devoted to building a mecca for a population of people who are devoted to some type of mechanical vehicle.

Respectfully yours,

J. L. Jones, RPh, CPG

## Sandy Hines

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**From:** Kristie Borchers  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 1, 2020 6:11 PM  
**To:** Susan Thompson; Sara Gutterman; Sandy Hines  
**Subject:** Fw: OHV Support

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**From:** Michelle Guthmiller <lakecitysports@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 1, 2020 4:31 PM  
**To:** Kristie Borchers <district2@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>  
**Subject:** Fw: OHV Support

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

On Sunday, November 1, 2020, 4:23 PM, Mary Hartje <mhartje@angelo.edu> wrote:

Michelle,  
Please forward my e-mail to anyone who will be considering the extension of the Pilot Program for OHVs.  
Thanks--Mary Ellen Hartje

I am a secondary homeowner in Lake City, and my family owns a 2020 Polaris Ranger. We enjoyed using it throughout the summer and fall, until the deadline at the end of September. We stayed through October and were hugely disappointed that we could not use our new vehicle to explore the beautiful San Juans because of local restrictions on the use of HWY149 that runs through Lake City and also to Lake San Cristobal.

We have family staying at our house throughout the summer and fall, and we all love Lake City and seek to support businesses, the arts, the museum, the restaurants, and all the special events that take place throughout the summer and fall. My parents built our house 50+ years ago; we never want to spend our vacation time anywhere but Lake City. But the restrictions for the use of our Ranger on HWY149

blocks us from all our favorite activities in the mountains. Also, my daughter and her family live in San Juan Estates, and we would love to be able to easily commute to their house.

Please vote to extend the pilot program for 3-5 years, and let's see if we can help everyone be able to enjoy the beautiful country that surrounds Lake City, the place we all love so much. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Mary Elle Hartje

## Sandy Hines

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**From:** Wendy Harris <wendyharris727@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 31, 2020 7:33 PM  
**To:** Sandy Hines  
**Subject:** CO149 Pilot Program

Dear Madames and Sirs:

As a resident of Ouray County and a frequent visitor to Hinsdale County, I am writing to say that I am very much against OHVs operating on Colorado State Highways. I am against expanding the CO149 Pilot Program, and I actually desire to see the CO149 Pilot Program terminated.

I am very upset by the damage we are seeing in the backcountry in my county and yours as more and more people flee cities all over the nation and flood into our beautiful area. Cancelling the program will not only help protect our wilderness areas but will also bring a greater level of safety to your community and CO149 (for residents and visitors like me).

Sincerely yours,  
Wendy Harris  
Midway CO

## Sandy Hines

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**From:** Kristie Borchers  
**Sent:** Monday, November 2, 2020 12:18 PM  
**To:** Sandy Hines  
**Subject:** Fw: OHV use on HWY 149/Lake City

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**From:** Frank Hollendonner <fjjch460@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 2, 2020 12:16 PM  
**To:** Kristie Borchers <district2@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>  
**Subject:** Fwd: OHV use on HWY 149/Lake City

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**From:** Frank Hollendonner <fjjch460@gmail.com>  
**Date:** Mon, Nov 2, 2020 at 9:37 AM  
**Subject:** OHV use on HWY 149/Lake City

Zane, I hope the State of Co. can keep the Pilot program open for HWY 149. We travel to Lake City twice a year on our ATV's with family and friends and our ATV club. We enjoy the Alpine Loop and eating lunch in Lake City. Thanks for your help. Frank Hollendonner

cc.

Susan

Thompson, Kristine Borchers, Sara Gutterman, Lake City Chamber of Commerce, Mayor: Bruce Vierheller, Judson Hollingsworth, Jesse Kendall, Dave Roberts, Michelle Martin and Doug Hamel

## Sandy Hines

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**From:** John Hollrah <johnhollrah@ouraynet.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 31, 2020 5:34 PM  
**To:** Susan Thompson; Kristie Borchers; Sara Gutterman; Sandy Hines; Mayor Bruce Vierheller; Trustee Michelle Martin; Trustee Dave Roberts; Trustee Doug Hamel; Trustee Jud Hollingsworth; Trustee Jesse Kendall; Town Manager Caroline Mitchell  
**Subject:** Please STOP the CO149 Pilot Program

Dear Friends in Hinsdale County,

I am writing as a neighbor in Ouray County who visits your area frequently during the summer and fall. I have seen that you are having much the same problem as we are over here, with the explosion in the number of tourists operating OHVs having a negative impact on our backcountry, trails, roads and peaceful towns. With the traffic on the Alpine Loop doubling this year and all the collateral damage, I am asking you to *please stop* the CO149 Pilot Program.

Respectfully yours,

John Hollrah  
Ridgway CO



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## Sandy Hines

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**From:** Carrie Krickbaum <carrie.krickbaum@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 12, 2020 2:06 PM  
**To:** Sandy Hines  
**Subject:** OHV use

I am writing to you to express concern with the CO149 Pilot Program in Lake City and Hinsdale County.

This program was designed by CDOT and approved by the Colorado Transportation Commission. The program ended on September 30, 2020 and is now up for renewal. It is my understanding that the Town of Lake City and Hinsdale County will provide a "report" to CDOT and the Transportation Commission for you to consider.

My observation is that the CO149 Pilot Program had a damaging impact on my Town, County, and backcountry wilderness areas. According to the BLM, OHV tourism nearly doubled this year on the Alpine Loop. Many OHVs pass through Lake City and Hinsdale County to "complete the loop". Exponentially speaking, increased OHV traffic on the loop equates to increased OHV traffic in Lake City, Hinsdale County, and on CO149.

Known and documented effects in our backcountry include: Increased OHV traffic, increased dust and noise; damage to fragile alpine tundra; increased erosion that impacts water quality in our streams; increased road maintenance costs; engine noise drives herd animals deeper into the mountains; increased human waste and litter; camping and picnicking in non-designated areas; lack of parking at historical and scenic sites along the Alpine Loop; and a general disregard by tourists who visit the San Juan Mountains.

Known and documented effects in the Town of Lake City and Hinsdale County include: increased OHV traffic on streets and alleyways; pedestrians and bicyclists are now unsafe due to the number of OHVs; our Town and County lack sidewalks or bike bike-lanes; we lack law enforcement personnel to enforce the OHV ordinance and Pilot Program provisions; children are observed riding in OHVs without helmets or seatbelts; open-alcohol containers are observed by OHV operators and passengers; increased noise destroys the quiet solitude of our community; and OHV trailers have turned our community into a massive parking-lot that disrupts homeowners and other visiting tourists.

I understand that OHVs are part of the tourist-base in Colorado and our community. I understand that there is a financial benefit to local businesses and increased tax-revenue. I counter this by saying increased revenue is not worth the damage inflicted on Lake City, Hinsdale County, and the backcountry wilderness.

I urge you to hold public meetings in Lake City so the community may come forward and share their concerns with you. I also urge you to be transparent as you move forward with making a decision on the CO149 Pilot Program. Many residents felt misled in 2018 when the Pilot Program was developed and implemented.

While the elected officials of Lake City and Hinsdale County officially "represent" the community, please know that many residents and 2nd homeowners have significant concerns with the CO149 Pilot Program. These individuals are not being represented. In fact, many would like to see the CO149 Pilot Program terminated to protect the community and backcountry wilderness areas.

Finally, as a registered voter and advocate for our wild places, my request is to see the CO149 Pilot Program cancelled. OHVs are not certified for highway use; they are not certified under Federal crash test guidelines; and they serve no purpose on our State Highways – unless the desire is to line pockets with money while destroying the community and wilderness areas.



Sincerely,  
Carrie Krickbaum  
Great Old Broads for Wilderness  
Ridgway, CO

Carrie Krickbaum

## Sandy Hines

**From:** Kristie Borchers  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 28, 2020 1:03 PM  
**To:** Sandy Hines  
**Subject:** Fw: State of Colorado, Hinsdale County and the Town of Lake City - in support of extending pilot program for use of OHV's on HWY 149

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

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**To Whom It May Concern,**

We have a second home in the Ball Flats in Lake City, Colorado. We understand that the OHV pilot results and the future expansion are currently under consideration by the state, Hinsdale County and the Town of Lake City. We own an OHV and have welcomed the flexibility to drive on HWY 149 that has been provided by the State's Pilot Program. We are requesting the extension of the pilot program for another 3-5 years with possible expansion to include use of HWY 149 to Woodlake Park on the South side and to the car wash or Elk Road on the North end. These extensions allow residents and visitors of Lake City to access both access points to the Alpine Loop without having to own, use and store trailers.

**Thank you in advance for your consideration on this request.**

**Sincerely,**

am Lawrence and John Honer

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## Sandy Hines

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**From:** Jason Leleck <jasonleleck@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 10, 2020 11:50 AM  
**To:** Sandy Hines  
**Subject:** RE: Public Comments - OHV Pilot Program

Jason Leleck  
10035 E Pinewood Dr, Parker, CO 80138  
Douglas County  
720.352.4775  
[jasonleleck@gmail.com](mailto:jasonleleck@gmail.com)

RE: Public Comments - OHV Pilot Program, Hinsdale County, HWY 149.

To Whom it may concern -

Thank you for piloting the OHV program on the streets and Hwy 149. Lake City has always been one of our favorite places to come to as my wife is an avid hiker and has hiked all of the 14ers in the area. After she had completed the 14ers we wanted another reason to return to Lake City and exploring trails on our RZR (OHV) was a perfect reason to come down. We spend the night in town, often doing a VRBO, absolutely love eating at 'CLIMB Elevated Eatery' and enjoying the downtown area and gift shops. The added ability to easily complete the Alpine Loop on 149 is a HUGE draw for me, my friends and my family. Anytime we have friends come into town visiting Colorado we recommend we take the trip down to Lake City and show them the beauty of Colorado. Without the ease of driving around town or to the Alpine loop we may consider other areas (Silverton, which does allow OHV's) or something closer to Denver.

I do understand the concern as not all OHV drivers respect traffic or are respectful to the environment, please note that generally MOST of us do. I would even be in favor of a small (\$10-20/vehicle) 'registration' fee for the season in order to drive locally in our RZR or ATV, another revenue generator for the county. Additionally, that small barrier to entry could help to keep the bad apples out of town.

Please continue to keep Lake City a friendly recreational area and amazing small town! The OHV program absolutely brings out of county/town money into Lake City, and seems like a win-win for everyone!

Thanks,  
Jason Leleck

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Jason Leleck  
720.352.4775

## **Sandy Hines**

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**From:** Kristie Borchers  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 1, 2020 9:46 PM  
**To:** Sandy Hines  
**Subject:** Fwd: OHV Pilot Extension

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Terry Huey <tmh618084@live.com>  
**Date:** October 1, 2020 at 9:25:12 PM MDT  
**To:** Susan Thompson <district1@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>, Kristie Borchers <district2@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>, Sara Gutterman <district3@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>  
**Subject:** OHV Pilot Extension

Dear Hinsdale County Commissioners,

We, are secondary homeowners 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 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.

Thanks,  
Terry and Joan Huey  
832-588-8425



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feel welcome.

The trails:

Not a lot to say here that isn't obvious. THEY ARE THE BEST TRAILS WE HAVE BEEN ON!!! Not only for the scenery but the maintenance also makes a difference. Thank you for that dedication!

The %1:

On social media these topics get picked and pulled apart with a lot of finger pointing. Everybody knows the few apples that spoil the bunch are out there. I don't know a hobby, community, or event that doesn't have one. I think there are solutions to this problem other than restricting access. And by all means fine them, it is revenue for the community. They are in all forms and this is where the finger pointing starts. Let's focus on a solution instead of a problem.

What I noticed:

I posted this on our Facebook group after visiting Lake City because of similar comments about the %1. Over all my years of riding I have not seen much on the enforcement of experienced operators in the OHV community. I used the example of our home state of Minnesota; snowmobiling is a big deal in the winter on trails much like the Lake City area. The state requires a permit to operate a snowmobile for young adults and kids. At 12 years old most kids interested have a snowmobile and acquire their permit through a series of in class instruction, a written test, and a skills test. I thought this could be something Colorado could adopt or even just the Lake City area. Force the operators to prove their responsibility because the trails are a privilege you offer access to. Rental shops were another hot topic. These businesses should take more interest in renting vehicles to people who show responsibility and more so the skills to navigate some of the trails. I was frustrated with others when meeting certain people on the trail that clearly were endangering themselves and others. The permit program would help with this also along with motivation from the rental businesses to do better. People from all over the country are visiting the area and unfortunately may not understand the difference in trail etiquette.

Conclusion:

I hope this finds you well and carries good insight from an outside perspective. I undoubtedly understand the concerns of the local community and other OHV enthusiasts with hope we can build a bridge over any gaps. We would love to come back and explore more of the beauty Lake City offers and experience the friendly community. A restriction on travel of OHVs would force us in another direction due to vehicle limitations. Thank you all again for offering the experience in your community and the consideration of this letter. How can we work together to keep this positive for everyone?

Be safe, be kind,

Jeff Kiefer  
OHV enthusiast  
Arkansas resident

## Sandy Hines

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**From:** rockman1@swbell.net  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 4, 2020 1:01 PM  
**To:** Sandy Hines  
**Subject:** OHV Pilot Program

Sandy,  
As much as I would like to see them banned altogether, I realize that's not very feasible and it would hurt many LC businesses. Therefore I would like to see a group come up with a way to regulate the number we see on the Loop. The best suggestion I have heard is some sort of usage fee set high enough to pay for administration, enforcement, and some portion of road repairs, maintenance, or habitat restoration along the route. Not the ideal solution but doubt anything will be. However, unrestricted free access is definitely not the answer either.

See you in 6 short months,

**Dan Kinman**  
20310 Pinellas Park Ct  
Spring, TX 77379  
(281)414-3889



## Sandy Hines

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**From:** Kristie Borchers  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 29, 2020 4:09 PM  
**To:** Sandy Hines  
**Subject:** Fwd: HWY 149 Pilot Program

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "craigknight@sbcglobal.net" <craigknight@sbcglobal.net>  
**Date:** October 29, 2020 at 11:29:57 AM MDT  
**To:** Kristie Borchers <district2@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>  
**Subject:** HWY 149 Pilot Program

Hello,

We are annual visitors of Lake City, Colorado. We also own OHVs 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 to 5 years with possible expansion including HWY 149 to Woodlake Park on the South side and to the Car Wash or Elk Road on the North end. These extensions allows residents and visitors of Lake City to access both ends of the Alpine Loop without the use of trailers and tow vehicles.

Thank you for this consideration.

Knight family (Craig, Susan, Elliot, and Alexander)  
Ft Worth, TX

**Lynn McNitt**

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**From:** Sandy Hines  
**it:** Monday, November 9, 2020 9:14 PM  
**To:** Lynn McNitt  
**Subject:** FW: OHV Pilot program

*Sandy Hines*

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



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**From:** Lauren Kubica <lkubica05@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 9, 2020 6:28 PM  
**To:** Sandy Hines <administrator@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>  
**Subject:** OHV Pilot program

**Comments on OHV Pilot program:**

We have visited Lake City every year for the last 4 years. Our primary reason for visiting is OHV use. We enjoy riding trails and taking photos of the incredible landscape and wildlife. We were very happy with the pilot program on Hwy 149. It allowed us to ride our OHV's into town after a long day of riding. Without the OHV usage opportunities in the Lake City area we would likely find another area of a Colorado to visit yearly. It would be very beneficial for tourism if OHV usage was expanded further up 149. Thank you so much for taking our comments on this matter.

**Lauren & Colt Kubica**

*Lenore*

24 October 2020

Lenore Bates  
Manager Colorado Scenic Byways,

I am writing to you to express my concerns with the CO149 Pilot Program in Hinsdale County, more specifically, in Lake City, Colorado. I first visited Lake City in 1957 and my family has owned property there since 1969. My wife and I became "Seasonal Residents" following our retirement in 2007 and were spending up to five months in Lake City for several years. My grandkids will be the fourth generation to enjoy the mountains and streams of our little piece of heaven in Lake City, and it is for them that I wish to state my opinion of this Pilot Program.

I read the "Statement of Support" submitted by the local Alpine Outdoor Association which no doubt has support from lobbying groups within the ATV/OHV families, but their statement of being a "huge success" is hardly a fact. As a property owner in Hinsdale County, I am confident that the overwhelming support goes to those of us that would like the program completely discontinued. You know who the property owners are I am sure. We are the silent majority that pay (with our property taxes) for the County Officers and employees, the Roads and Bridges, the Health Services, The Schools, the Library, the Water Conservation District, and the list goes on. Many of us also have vehicles permanently licensed in Colorado and pay even more taxes on those.

In effect this is a clash between the small business owners (who see a seasonal jump in sales revenue) versus the property owners that own far more real estate and pay far more taxes than all small businesses combined, and pay those taxes throughout the year. And we taxpayers are not a happy group right now! The additional traffic created by the ATV/OHV and dirt bike crowd has polluted our recreation areas with heavy traffic, noise pollution, visual pollution, and safety issues that we never had prior to this Pilot Program. And when accidents occur our taxes pay for the support of their emergencies.

Last summer as I was entering Lake City from the south on Hwy 149, I was passed by 12 dirt bikes, all of them passing in a "no passing" zone. These are people that have no investment in our community. It is a place to go "let loose and have

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**fun" ...at the taxpayers' expense. In other words, they have no skin in the game! On another occasion, I was hiking in a wilderness area south of Lake City near Cottonwood Falls when two ATVs were doing "wheelies" in the tundra. Since this was near the 10,000 ft elevation, it will take nearly 100 years for the damage they left behind to revegetate. Also, while on that hike we noticed that the elk population was significantly diminished. We spoke with a Ranger about this and he said that the ATV/OHV and dirt bikes groups, through their noise pollution and constant pressure, have prevented the elk population from migrating through that area as they normally would do.**

**I want to ask you to please delete the CO149 test program for ATVs, OHVs, and dirt bikes, and allow our little piece of heaven to return to its beauty and tranquility once again.**

**Most respectfully,**

**Charles S. LaGrone  
PO Box 71  
Lake City, CO 81235**

## Sandy Hines

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**From:** Kristie Borchers  
**Sent:** Monday, October 26, 2020 3:47 PM  
**To:** Sandy Hines; Susan Thompson; Sara Gutterman  
**Subject:** Fw: Letter of concern  
**Attachments:** Ltr regarding the OHV Pilot Program.docx

Kristie Borchers  
Hinsdale County Commissioner  
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**From:** Bates - CDOT, Lenore <lenore.bates@state.co.us>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 26, 2020 3:41 PM  
**To:** Kristie Borchers <district2@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>; Zane Znamenacek - CDOT <zane.znamenacek@state.co.us>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Letter of concern

FYI.



Lenore C. Bates  
Colorado Byways Program Manager



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From: Steve LaGrone <[cslagrone@gmail.com](mailto:cslagrone@gmail.com)>

Date: Mon, Oct 26, 2020 at 3:33 PM

Subject: Letter of concern

To: <[Lenore.Bates@state.co.us](mailto:Lenore.Bates@state.co.us)>

Thank you for taking the time to read my attached letter of concern.



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