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Kristie Borchers

sent:

Sunday, November 1, 2020 6:11 PM

To:

Susan Thompson; Sara Gutterman; Sandy Hines

Subject:

Fw: Lake city

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



From: Jessie Lampin <jessielampin@gmail.com> Sent: Sunday, November 1, 2020 4:14 PM

Kristie Borchers <district2@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>

Subject: 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.

Jessie Lampin

om:

Kristie Borchers

sent:

Friday, October 30, 2020 9:42 AM

To:

Sandy Hines

Subject:

Fw: Pilot Program Extension Request

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



From: Jody Lampin, GISP lampin.gisp@gmail.com

Sent: Friday, October 30, 2020 10:01 AM

: Kristie Borchers < district 2@hinsdalecountycolorado.us : lakecitysports@yahoo.com < lakecitysports@yahoo.com >

Subject: Pilot Program Extension Request

Dear Kristine Borchers,

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Jody Lampin 805 Beth Dr. Tyler, Tx. 75703

om:

Kristie Borchers

ent:

Thursday, October 29, 2020 4:07 PM

To:

Sandy Hines

Subject:

Fwd: Pilot Program Extension Request

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Sheri Lampin <sherilampin@gmail.com> Date: October 29, 2020 at 11:02:53 AM MDT

To: Susan Thompson <district1@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>, Kristie Borchers

<district2@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>, Sara Gutterman <district3@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>

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Thank you in advance for your consideration on this request.

Sheri Lampin 14316 Yucca Rd Larkspur, CO 80118 719-482-4057

om:

Kristie Borchers

sent:

Saturday, October 31, 2020 12:21 PM

To:

Sandy Hines

Subject:

Fw: Opposed to CO149 Pilot Program

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



From: Kathryn Lair <klair@lairphotography.com>

Sent: Saturday, October 31, 2020 11:51 AM

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

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Subject: Opposed to 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 also bring a greater level of safety to your community and CO149 (for residents and visitors like me).

Sincerely yours, Kay Lair Ridgway CO

.rom:

Kristie Borchers

Sent:

Wednesday, October 28, 2020 9:11 PM

To:

Sandy Hines

Subject:

Fw: Lake City, CO's Pilot Program

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



From: Tracy Lanktree < TracyLanktree@outlook.com>

Sent: Wednesday, October 28, 2020 8:45 PM

o: Kristie Borchers < district 2@hinsdale county colorado. us>; Sara Gutterman < district 3@hinsdale county colorado. us>;

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Subject: Lake City, CO's Pilot Program

To whom it may concern,

My husband and I are permanent year round residents in Hinsdale county. He is a mechanic at Hinsdale county Road and Bridge. I'm a store owner that operates year round.

In regards to the pilot program provided by the state, we are truly grateful and would love to see it renewed for years to come. Our visitors and locals have been thrilled to be able to access the full Alpine Loop just from town. Not to mention, other businesses within town limits.

With the COVID pandemic this season, we were still blessed with the influx of outdoor enthusiasts who were all talking about our Pilot Program making it easy for them to enjoy the trails without the hassles of trailers or searching for parking or trailer storage, which we all know is extremely limited.

We'd also like to ask for the consideration of extending the route to the Toy Wash on the North end of town so that these drivers don't need to use the backstreets through the neighborhood to wash their vehicles.

As a mountain community who survives on tourism. Rather than taking away plans that work, we believe we can come together and find solutions for enforcement and OHV regulations that work for Lake City, the citizens and the Mountains we all share.

Sincerely, Tracy Lanktree Cabin Fever Mercantile 306 N. Silver St. Lake City, CO

om:

Kristie Borchers

ent:

Saturday, October 31, 2020 10:18 AM

To:

Sandy Hines

Subject:

Fw: Renewal of the OHV pilot program in Lake City...

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



From: Jim Lehmer < lehmer@dullroar.com > Sent: Saturday, October 31, 2020 6:48 AM

zane.znamenacek@state.co.us <zane.znamenacek@state.co.us>; Kristie Borchers

aistrict2@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>

Subject: Renewal of the OHV pilot program in Lake City...

I, my family and friends have been coming to Lake City since the late 1990s. My wife and I spent New Year's there in 2000, and I have stayed there, been through there or by there many, many times in the two decades since, including a "zero day" while through-hiking the Colorado Trail in 2016, and renting a cabin there just this past July, while resummiting Handies. Lake City is one of my favorite places on the planet, and I love that it is on "the road from nowhere to nowhere," has no skiing, and is a bit of a undiscovered backwater still.

I am a backpacker and climber, and spend my time as far away from motorized vehicles as possible. You would think, then, that I would be against the OHV program in Lake City, but in fact, I am strongly *for* it. Why? Because it helps Lake City remain vital and open and available not just to the OHVers, but to the people like me who are staying in cabins or hostels while also enjoying the 500,000 acre Weminuche Wilderness, where I can get far away from motorized vehicles. It keeps restaurants, motels and gas stations open. It allows others to enjoy the outdoors in Colorado - the scenery, the wildflowers, the history - and instill in them a love for it that I believe leads to its further protection than trying to "lock it all up" as wilderness. The OHVs are on old mining roads and railroad grades going to old mines and ghost town sites, hardly pristine, but still beautiful.

In this time of division, I look for things to unite. I personally don't ride horses or mountain bikes, and really don't like sharing the trail with them, either! But I do, because we are all out trying to enjoy the beautiful Colorado outdoors in our own way, and in that way coming to love the place and wanting to protect it, I believe. Sure, a 4WD track could revert quickly enough - but you know what? In my youth, sitting in the back of a Willys Jeep was part of how I came to love the high country and the wilderness myself. I would hate to close the door behind me to someone else experiencing that. Some OHVs on an old grade do not disturb me when I can quickly hike around the bend and not hear or see them II as I ascend to the Continental Divide Trail and the wilderness.

In the end, I do not find the OHVs in and around Lake City menacing or burdensome. I try to remember we are all looking for the same thing in our own ways. I support the continuance of the OHV pilot program there.

Thank you.

Jim Lehmer

fferson City, MO (formerly of CO, moving back soon)

"A mile is not as far as you think, but a quarter mile is much farther." - me

Ann McCord

From:

Sandy Hines

nt:

Sunday, November 8, 2020 9:42 PM

To:

Ann McCord

Subject:

FW: Pilot OHV Program

Sandy Hines

- County Administrator

- Public Information Officer

970-944-2225

----Original Message-----

From: Roxanne Loper <cricketchrp@me.com> Sent: Wednesday, November 4, 2020 8:05 PM

To: Sandy Hines <administrator@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>

Subject: Pilot OHV Program

Please continue the pilot OHV program in Lake City. We stay the trail, spend time and money in your town, and pack it out. My kids have been raised coming here for several months per year and this program has been fabulous for ventures.

Thank you for your consideration, Roxanne Loper and family

Sent from my iPhone

Ann McCord

Erom:

Sandy Hines

ıt:

Sunday, November 8, 2020 9:25 PM

To: Subject: Ann McCord FW: OHV's

Sandy Hines

- County Administrator

- Public Information Officer 970-944-2225

----Original Message-----

From: Linda Lovegreen < lindalovegreen@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, November 4, 2020 4:15 PM

To: Sandy Hines <administrator@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>

Subject: OHV's

Dear Commissioners,

ould like to share my opinion regarding OHV's in Lake City. As a business owner in Lake City we have seen a significant increase in sales since allowing OHV's driving privileges through/around town. It has brought more people to town and that helps businesses! I would like to see OHV's welcomed with open arms by community.

Thank you, Linda Lovegreen

Al Lutz , 1151 Ocean Wave Dr. Lake City, CO 81235

August 4, 2020

Hinsdale County Commissioners RE: OHV Feedback and Comments

Dear Honorable Commissioners. Borchers, Gutterman, and Thompson

Thanks for the opportunity to provide you feedback and comments regarding OHV's in Hinsdale County. I specifically wish to address the "OHV Pilot Project" which allows OHV's to travel on Colorado State Highway 149 between County road 30 on the south and Ocean Wave Dr. on the north.

The extension of the northern boundary to Ocean Wave Dr., I believe was a good decision. It has eliminated OHV drivers from driving on the shoulder of Hwy 149 or crisscrossing the Hwy or violating the law by driving on the Hwy to reach the Country Store and the Lake City Bakery. It also appears to me to have lessened OHV traffic from some Town streets that run parallel to the Hwy. I conclude this has reduced safety/accident issues, lessened noise and traffic in residential homes on Silver St. and Henson and reduced violations of OHV's driving on a State highway.

I do however believe that the northern boundary for the Pilot Project should have been extended further north to the Toy Wash car wash. This summer has seen a <u>substantial increase</u> in the number of OHV's on Ocean Wave Dr. From my personal observation and conversations with some of the drivers, a goodly number of the OHV's are using Ocean Wave to travel the back way around to the Toy Wash. This increase in OHV traffic passes though residential neighborhoods along Ocean Wave, Black Bear and San Juan Springs Rd. which again in my opinion, heightens the noise profile of that particular traffic within the these residential areas. Addionally, there are children playing on or near these roads creating the risk of an accident.

I would ask when you review the Pilot Project with the State that you support extending the northern boundary that OHV's can travel on Hwy 149 to the Toy Wash. I know it would lessen the OHV impact in the residential areas used now to gain access to the Toy Wash and would reduce the child safety risk in these residential areas.

Thanks in advance for your consideration.

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Respectfully.

irom:

Kristie Borchers

Sent:

Monday, October 26, 2020 2:36 PM

To:

Sandy Hines

Subject:

Fw: OHV Comments and Feedback

Attachments:

Commissioner OHV Ltr 8.4.2020.docx

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



From: Sandy Hines <administrator@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>

Sent: Tuesday, August 4, 2020 4:12 PM

To: Susan Thompson < district1@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>; Kristie Borchers < district2@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>;

Sara Gutterman < district3@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>

Subject: FW: OHV Comments and Feedback

Good afternoon

I just received the email below and attachment from Al Lutz. He requested that I sent it on to you before the OHV discussion tomorrow.

Thank you

Sandy Hines

Hinsdale County

- Interim County Administrator
- Public Information Officer

970-944-2225

----Original Message----

From: Al Lutz < lutz.lakecity@gmail.com > Sent: Tuesday, August 4, 2020 3:47 PM

To: Ann McCord <office@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>

Subject: OHV Comments and Feedback

Sandi, I will not be able to attend the Zoom County Commissioners meeting tomorrow. Therefore, I have attached a letter to the Commissioners expressing my comments and feedback on the OHV subject; in particular the Pilot Program allowing OHV's to travel on Hwy 149.

Would you please distribute my letter to the Commissioners for the workshop portion of their meeting,

Thanks!

Al Lutz

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To whom it may concern

May were is Joe Meddry
My wife and I own Rusy Fort BU Pert
and Henson Creek BU Perts.

We are strongly in faunt of the OHU Pilot Program. It has been very benificial to our businesses.

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Lynn McNitt

From:

Kristie Borchers

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Saturday, November 7, 2020 4:37 PM

Lynn McNitt

Subject:

Fw: Short term thinking, long term problems.

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



From: Anne Markward <amarkward@gmail.com>

Sent: Saturday, November 7, 2020 4:22 PM

To: Susan Thompson <district1@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>; Kristie Borchers <district2@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>; Gutterman <district3@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>; Sandy Hines <administrator@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>;



Subject: Short term thinking, long term problems.

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That's just plain bad tourism policy, bad environmental policy, and yes, short sighted economic policy as well.

Please, don't participate in the CO149 Pilot Program - it just allows even more yet more thoughtless, harmful tourists to have unfettered access to fragile places.



Ann McCord

From:

Sandy Hines

Sunday, November 8, 2020 10:41 PM

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Ann McCord

Subject:

FW: Short term thinking, long term problems.

Sandy Hines

- County Administrator

- Public Information Officer 970-944-2225

HINSDALE COUNTY

From: Anne Markward <amarkward@gmail.com> Sent: Saturday, November 7, 2020 4:22 PM

To: Susan Thompson <district1@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>; Kristie Borchers <district2@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>;

9 Gutterman < district3@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>; Sandy Hines < administrator@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>;



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Anne Markward 970 779 8796

From:

Susan Thompson

Sent:

Thursday, October 8, 2020 12:06 PM

To:

Sandy Hines; Chris Kambish

Subject:

Fw: State of Colorado Pilot Program allowing OHV's on HWY 149 in Lake City, CO

Didn't see your names on this so I wanted to pass it along.

Susan Thompson

District 1

Hinsdale County Commissioner

From: Bill Matlack <bill@stingerltd.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 8, 2020 11:35 AM

To: And Angular Section 6, 2020 11:55 AM

Cc: Susan Thompson <district1@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>; district2@hinsdalecolorado.us

<district2@hinsdalecolorado.us>; Sara Gutterman <district3@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>; ahambor@lekesity.com

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Subject: State of Colorado Pilot Program allowing OHV's on HWY 149 in Lake City, CO

Three years ago I built a log cabin in Capitol City, which is on the Alpine Loop and so far it has been used by more then 30 friends and family & most on multiple occasions. OHV's are used not only to drive the Alpine Loop but also to visit the many businesses in Lake City. The Pilot Program has been very helpful for the enjoyment of my guests and we all would like to see it continue! One suggestion I have is to extend it to include all of the city limits on 149 so we can get to all of the businesses.

Thanks for your consideration of this request.

Bill Matlack 13119 E Stroud Rd Burrton, KS 67020

Also 8901 County Rd 20 Lake City, CO 81235 Sent from my iPad 2

Lynn McNitt

From:

Sandy Hines

Sent:

Monday, November 9, 2020 8:53 PM

To:

Lynn McNitt

Subject:

FW: Comments on OHV highway use

Sandy Hines

- County Administrator

- Public Information Officer 970-944-2225



From: Linda Matthews < Iclinda 1240@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, November 9, 2020 2:25 PM

To: Sandy Hines <administrator@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>

Subject: Comments on OHV highway use

Dear Commissioners

Please advocate for the continuation of the OHV highway use to complete the Alpine Loop and to provide access for visitors and locals to the businesses and homes in the Lake City "metro" area. The access from the bakery to County road 30 is OK. I would like to see it extended from the Packer Massacre site on the South to the first road into San Juan Hills on the North. Turning off the highway at the bakery sends them up by my house at the top of Black Bear Hill on their way to the car wash, and it still isn't quite legal for them to get there. It also cuts off access to the Transfer Station.

I haven't any complaints about the noise, either by my house or down in town. I spent 2 hours every week on Wednesday afternoons on the deck at Chillin' The loudest vehicles driving by, the ones that stopped our conversations, were first the motorcycles like Harleys and dirt bikes, next some of the 18 wheelers and third a few of the OHV's. Not all of any category by any measure.

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Thank you, Linda Matthews 1240 Black Bear Hill 970-596-1629

Ann McCord

From:

Sandy Hines

nt:

Sunday, November 8, 2020 9:46 PM

To: Subject: Ann McCord FW: Pilot program

Sandy Hines

- County Administrator

- Public Information Officer 970-944-2225

HINSDALE COUNTY

From: Robert Mays <bubbajr270@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 5, 2020 6:49 AM

To: Sandy Hines <administrator@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>

Subject: Pilot program

To who it may concern:

We have been bringing ohvs to lake city for 11 years, some years there are over 20 people in our group, renting houses or cabins, buying gas and food, eating out a lot, it has been super nice to be able to complete the loop via 149, please keep it open

Sincerely Robert and Mary Mays

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

Ann McCord

Erom:

Sandy Hines

t:

Sunday, November 8, 2020 9:30 PM

To:

Ann McCord

Subject:

FW: OHV Pilot Program

Sandy Hines

- County Administrator

- Public Information Officer 970-944-2225



From: ksmlittlemac <ksmlittlemac@aol.com> Sent: Wednesday, November 4, 2020 6:32 PM

To: Sandy Hines <administrator@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>

bject: OHV Pilot Program

Hinsdale County Officials,

I am would like to say that my family and I appreciated and enjoyed the program the last couple of years allowing us more freedom to explore on our ATVs on the Alpine Loop. We have visited Lake City every Summer since 2006. My wife and I have reservations for July 2021 and 3 of 5 adult kids have also verified our dates and some also already have reservations. My older brother and family have joined us 3 of the last 5 years. Please understand, we don't just ride the trails, we camp, lodge, eat, play bingo, shop and visit San Juan Soda shop several times for ice cream. We would love to see you continue the program which allows us more time back in town rather than having to orchestrate ferrying our vehicles around the town. Just want you to know this is a group of guests that love your town, respect your interests and concerns and hopefully add a positive contribution to your lives.

See yall in July!!

Kevin McBride 901 East County Rd 132 Midland, Texas 432-631-5073

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S7 active, an AT&T 4G LTE smartphone

om: Kristie Borchers

Sent: Sunday, November 1, 2020 9:13 AM

To: Sandy Hines

Subject: Fwd: Reinstatement of Lake City OHV Pilot Program

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: steve mcewan <bigmacbulldogs@yahoo.com>

Date: November 1, 2020 at 2:26:28 AM MST

To: Susan Thompson <district1@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>, Kristie Borchers

<district2@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>, Sara Gutterman <district3@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>, Lake

Subject: Reinstatement of Lake City OHV Pilot Program

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Sincerly,
Steve McEwan
Silver Coin Cabin
1105 South Henson Street
Lake City, Colorado 81235

m:

Susan McMurry <academysusan@gmail.com>

sent:

Monday, November 2, 2020 11:47 AM

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:

OHV and abuse of our alpine highlands

Dear elected officials,

I have lived "just over the hill" from you (in Ouray County) since 2000 and have witnessed more and more motorized off road traffic in our precious high country. What is happening on your side of the San Juan mountains is deeply connected to what is happening everywhere in the region.

Connecting Engineer and Cinnamon passes was a huge misjudgment. While some OHV users are respectful of the land, so many are not and are simply using the fragile land in complete disregard of the damage done by noise, emissions, erosion, trampling plant life, scarring off native wildlife, and are disdainful of the impact they have on fellow humans' enjoyment of the wild.

Please stop the CO149 program! Please allocate monies to education and regulation and policing the use of existing roads. No more roads, please!

Thank you for your consideration an McMurry

Lynn McNitt

From:

nt:

To: Subject: Sandy Hines

Monday, November 9, 2020 8:53 PM

Lynn McNitt

FW: Comments on OHV highway use

Sandy Hines

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Thank you, Linda Matthews 10 Black Bear Hill 2, 0-596-1629 ----- Forwarded message -----

From: Thomas McLaughlin < tmacbb23@yahoo.com>

Date: Fri, Nov 13, 2020 at 3:27 PM

Subject: Lake City, CO 149 OHV Pilot Program

To:

Dear Lenore,

Please find attached a letter concerning the Lake City, CO 149 OHV program.

Thanks,

Tom and Barb McLaughlin

I have attached and paraphrased the "Welcome to Lake City" paragraph from the Lake City Visitor guide as we feel it illustrates the impact this program has had on the community.

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"Jagged peaks pierce the deep blue skies while wildlife teems in rocky canyons and on high valley floors. Crystalline rivers flow from altitude while unique geology promises adventure and spurs endless exploration. And continuously, within this rugged dreamscape, whispers from the past mingle with voices of the present in the cool, rarefied air of remote Hinsdale County and its' historic town of Lake City."

This paragraph exemplifies what Barb and I found in September of 2012. We had searched Colorados' small mountain communities over the years looking for the right cabin and town. In only two days we decided to buy a cabin situated on the Lake Fork of the Gunnison River at the historic Vickers' Horse River Ranch. The OHV Program has drastically changed Lake City and the Alpine Loop region. We fully understand the financial aspect of increased business for shop and restaurant owners, but at what expense? Our observations and articles in the Silver World newspaper present a good case for putting the brakes on the OHV Pilot Program.

- 1. Noise and Dust Pollution: Incessant, extremely loud exhaust noise and clouds of dust from dawn until well after dusk affect property owners along Hwy 149, County Roads 20, 30 and in Lake City. The noise is also driving herds of elk, that once grazed in the pastures on either end of Lake City, and moose from the willows of Lake San Cristobal, out of the valley.
- 2. Light Pollution: Lake City is in the process of obtaining a Dark Sky designation. Will OHVs with 4-6 headlights and multicolored wonderbars, that appear the be low flying UFOs, affect the process: This could be another reason why wildlife are leaving the area.
- 3. Speed Limits: There is a general disregard for posted speed limits on the aforementioned roads and around Lake San Cristobal. We've experienced several near-miss encounters while walking around the lake where the posted speed limit is 15 mph. We don't even attempt to walk County Roads 20 or 30 as the number of vehicles is exponentially greater.
- 4. Refuse: Trash has been strewn at the newly constructed pergola and left at picnic tables in the City Park. We carry a bag to collect trash, water bottles etc. when we walk around the lake. Bear-proof food storage cabinets installed for camp sites at Wupperman Campground have been used as trash cans.
- 5. Tundra: The Alpine Loop has seen significant tundra damage from driving, parking, unauthorized camping, trash and human waste in American Basin. It took two days for a Ranger to catalog the signs of total disregard for the area.

The OHV Pilot Program has torn at the very fabric of what Lake City and Hinsdale County have stood for all these years: The Peak Experience, Family Heritage, Community, Scenic By-Ways, Solitude, Tranquility and Friendship. The ending paragraph is what has happened as a result of this Pilot Program.

"Jagged peaks pierce the dust filled skies while wildlife is nonexistent in rocky canyons and on high valley floors. Crystalline rivers are choked by dust while unique geology promises destroyed tundra. Adventure and exploration is picking up discarded trash, water bottles and human waste. And continuously, within this wondrous dreamscape, whispers of the past and

voices of the present are drowned out by the incessant noise in the cool, dusty air of not so remote anymore, Hinsdale County and its' historic town of Lake City."

We ask that the OHV Pilot program be cancelled.

Sincerely, Thomas and Barbara McLaughlin P.O. Box 741 267 Gnome Way Vickers' Horse River Ranch Lake City, CO. 81235

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From: Lydia M. McNeese < lydiakm@yahoo.com>
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ent: Tuesday, October 20, 2020 3:49 PM

To: Sandy Hines

Subject: Lake City OHV Pilot Program

Dear Sandy Hines,

I would like to submit my thoughts on the OHV Pilot Program that has recently come to an end in Lake City, Colorado. As a full time, year-round resident for the last 22 years, I have seen Lake City grow and change in many ways-both positive and negative. The Pilot Program for the OHVs falls somewhere in the middle.

As an avid hiker, mountain biker, runner and outdoor enthusiast, I have come to love Lake City for many reasons. Probably the most important reason lies in our absolutely beautiful and unique ecosystem that surrounds Lake City. One of my observations and worries regarding the OHV Pilot program being renewed without strict regulations and guidelines, is the irreparable damage to this unique ecosystem. Many OHV drivers follow the rules and "stay the trail"-but a number of them do not. If the count is correct and over 450,000 vehicles used the Alpine Loop this summer and even if only 1% of that 450,000 users did not follow the rules-then over 4,500 users potentially went off road, did not follow specific rules or made poor choices that resulted in irreparable damage to our Alpine Tundra-that is an amazing amount of people. (While there were many other types of vehicles on the Alpine loop this summer-it is important to note that OHV's are able to go places other vehicles cannot.)

I do have concerns for the high amount of traffic and its impact-not only on our roads and at the expense of the peacefulness of our small community, but on our wildlife-our Deer and Elk herds-what impact will the noise and influx of people have on their migration, feeding grounds, calving and mating routines? Will this impact our hunters in the future-yet another important economic use of our wild lands and for the community of Lake City?

I believe that with the proper rules and regulations in place-this OHV Pilot Program can be a successful, economically lucrative program while still finding a middle ground between all types of supporters or non-supporters.

My thoughts and ideas are outlined below:

1. Permit system-anyone who has been on a river trip anywhere in Colorado and surrounding states must apply for a permit to run that river. There are specific rules and regulations in place in order to ensure that minimal damage is done to the river and its surrounding environment. A permit system to drive the Alpine Loop would provide specific rules and regulations to be followed, provide funding to repair roads and bridges, pay for extra law enforcement during peak season of Loop use and will provide a way to hold people accountable for making poor choices while on the Loop. Having a permit with a sticker to display in plain sight on their vehicle will also allow law enforcement officials a way to put the information into the system if they end up stopping the vehicle for an infraction. A permit system would also allow for the tourist/visitor

education piece-a very important part of allowing the OHVs to drive safely through our town and the Alpine Loop. The Alpine Outdoor Association (AOA) has already begun to address the lack of information and education given to those who use the Loop-they have done a good job and will hopefully continue their educational programs into the next year and season. Their ideas would perfectly mesh with a permit requirement as it is obvious that the organization also cares deeply for Lake City and the surrounding environment.

- 2. There must be an end to the season; June through September is the perfect amount of timevery few (if any) locals run their OHV's through town to pick up their mail or go grocery shopping during the months of October through May (way too cold)-there is no need or reason to allow OHV's to run year-round through our town.
- 3. A curfew: the continuous noise from all hours of the night to all hours of the day was way too much-not only for the year round residents of our town-but for all of our wildlife-to our tourists boating on the lake or camping-all you could hear, no matter where you were-was the drone of OHV's-their decibel level is definitely not in line with specific vehicle noise ordinances. This is also something that can be addressed through permit use-noise decibel levels.
- 4. I do believe that the extension to Elk Road on the North side of town and to the CDOT shop on the South side is appropriate and allows OHVs to reach the car wash and have access to those specific neighborhoods.
- 5. Law Enforcement: I rode the Alpine Loop many times on my mountain bike this summer, as I have in the past. This was the busiest and dustiest summer I have ever experienced. I had mostly good experiences with most off-road vehicles and only felt close to death during a few bad experiences when a 4-wheel drive truck or an OHV was going way too fast-I never saw a law enforcement vehicle out there except during a race I attended at the end of August-this is definitely one of the most important aspects of having the Pilot Program be successful-consistent law enforcement support and presence. This can only happen if there is funding to make this happen.

Pilot Programs are put in place so that community members and state personnel can reflect on what worked and what did not work. I understand that there are some very vocal people who use their position of power to try and say that they are representing everyone. They are definitely representing only themselves and they are only that one person. We live in a democracy where all voices deserve to be heard; including those who cannot speak. Our wildlife, our waters and our lands have only those of us who feel strongly about them to be their voice. If we have none of those things, then there will be no reason to come to Lake City. No bears, no elk, no deer, no moose, no marmots, no pika, no bighorn sheep, no pristine rivers and lakes, no clean air, no peace and quiet-then why would anyone come here? What would be here for them to see and experience?

We need to reflect on this Pilot Program using real life data and decide what is best for this community and surrounding environment. All voices deserve to be heard and all options should be weighed and considered. I truly believe that by finding a middle ground, we can make sure that we do not ruin what we have here in the San Juan Mountains.

Lydia McNeese

From:

Kristie Borchers

Sent:

Wednesday, October 14, 2020 12:00 PM

To:

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Subject:

Fw: Pilot program

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



From: Janene McNeil <jmcneil@brightok.net>
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Subject: Fwd: Pilot program

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Subject: Pilot program

I would like to let you know how much we appreciate being able to pull our OHV from our garage, to town, the lake, or the alpine loop. We hope the pilot program is extended each year. We would like to not have to have a trailer to deal with. We live in the San Juan Ranch Estates, and finding a place to park a trailer is difficult at our home and also at trail heads.

Thank you Janene McNeil

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Kristie Borchers

sent:

Saturday, October 31, 2020 10:18 AM

To:

Sandy Hines

Subject:

Fw: OHV Pilot Program Letter version 2

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To: themikemoody@gmail.com

Subject: OHV Pilot Program Letter version 2

my State and community officials,

I, Michael Moody, am a secondary homeowner in Lake City, CO. I also own the Wagon Wheel resort in Lake City, and many of my clients own and/or use Off Highway Vehicles (OHVs). The exibility to drive OHVs on Highway 149 has been a welcomed benefit for my clients, and enerefore my business.

The State's Pilot Program is bringing in more tourism and therefore more revenue. The more our businesses thrive the more our City will thrive.

I am requesting the extension of the Pilot Program for another three to five 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 allow residents and visitors of Lake City to utilize both access points to the Alpine Loop without having to own, use and store trailers.

Respectfully, Michael Moody

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Kristie Borchers

Sent:

Wednesday, October 28, 2020 7:09 PM

To:

Sandy Hines

Subject:

Fw: Pilot Program for Highway 149 for OHV use

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



From: Charlie and Katherine Morgan <charlieandkat@msn.com>

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Subject: Pilot Program for Highway 149 for OHV use

I am a primary home owner in Lake City, CO, and currently own two OHV's/UHV's. I spend approximately 95 percent of the year at my San Juan Ranch Estates home located in Lake City. I own three (3) OHV's/UTV's and use them on a daily/weekly basis to handle needed in town chores such as groceries and getting the mail from the post office.

If access is extended to the Toy Wash by the State Pilot Program, access from north of the car wash would make travel on HWY 149 from that point possible for OHV's/UHV's. Presently I must cross HWY 149 and navigate through a residential neighborhood to accomplish these chores.

I am requesting the extension of the pilot program for another 3-5 years with possible expansion to include use of HWY 149 to Woodlake RV Park on the south end of HWY 149 and to the Toy Wash or Elk Road on the north end of HWY 149. These extensions would allow residents and visitors of Lake City to access the entire Upine Loop without having to own, use and store trailers. An added benefit will be the lessening of OHV/UTV traffic in the residential areas.

Thank you in advance for your consideration concerning this request.

Charlie Morgan 1776 San Juan Dr PO Box 1252 Lake City, CO 81235