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CO 149 pilot project

1 message

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To: jennifer.uebelher@state.co.us

Sun, Feb 14, 2021 at 1:34 PM

Dear Jennifer,

I am writing to request your support in voting "NO" on renewing the CO149 Pilot Project, which allows OHV's on the only state highway that bisects the town of Lake City and Hinsdale County.

This mechanized tourism nearly doubled traffic during the 2020 tourist season, severely impacting backcountry wilderness: it damaged fragile alpine tundra, destroyed trails and pushed herd animals such as deer/elk away from feeding/breeding grounds.

This increased OHV traffic resulted in overuse of parking areas and campgrounds, increased trash, damaged camping areas, overuse of toilet facilities, increased engine noise, and wildflowers at American basin suffered extreme damage. This is not sustainable to mountain communities.

Wilderness areas deserve our protection and preservation. Please help us maintain the beauty and balance of our communities.

Our wilderness- streams, fish, moose, deer, elk, fox live in our mountains. Eagles, songbirds, hummingbirds.

Our entire ecosystem deserves protection. It cannot be replaced.

Thank you,

Lilye [REDACTED]