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Director Lew,

We are sure the CDOT Commission has compiled all the manufacturers, state and hospital statistics concerning the safety issues related to OHV operation and highway safety. This data speaks volumes as to why this pilot program should be discontinued.

The amount of OHV tourism traffic in Lake City and the Alpine Loop has literally and figuratively choked off the entire area. Walkability and bicycling are nearly a thing of the past. Noise and dust pollution has driven wildlife out of the valley. Increased damage to State Highway 149 south of Lake City, County Roads 20 & 30, Alpine Loop Trail and tundra. Trash, human waste, illegal parking and camping limit violations. Speed limits in both areas are disregarded. Personally, we've had three OHV "near misses" while walking around Lake San Cristobal where the posted speed limit is 15mph. The understaffed Hinsdale County Sheriff can not even begin to keep up the violations of State law. The Colorado Clean Air Act should also be a part of the discussion. We know the importance of tourism and the financial impact for area businesses. The State of Colorado needs maintain the mantra "Welcome to Colorful Colorado" and come up with a better plan than OHV Tourism. At this point, Lake City and the Alpine Loop is any thing but colorful.

Respectfully,

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Kind Regards,

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