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CO 149 Pilot Project

1 message

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To: "jennifer.uebelher@state.co.us" <jennifer.uebelher@state.co.us>

Dear Commissioner Liaison Uebelher,

It will soon be time for deciding on the request by the Lake City Trustees and the Hinsdale County Commissioners to extend the CO 149 Pilot Project.

I believe it would be a mistake to do so, for two reasons:

1. These vehicles are unsafe on any paved surface and doubly so when that surface is also traveled by cars and trucks. No serious accident has yet occurred, but inevitably, one or more will. You can avoid that by voting no.
2. Continuing this unsafe practice will set a precedent for the rest of Colorado. There is no doubt that other communities will ask for the same privilege when they believe it will benefit them financially. Do you want to open up this dangerous practice statewide?

The only reason this is being requested is to "close the loop" which begins in Lake City, continues over two mountain passes, and ends back in Lake City. Part of that loop is a few miles of CO 149. Prior to the Pilot Project, OHV operators trailered their vehicles to staging areas provided by the county and rode from there. It is true they could not complete the loop in one trip, but that seems a minor inconvenience to me when it is placed against the safety concerns that travel on a highway entail.

Sincerely,

Morton [REDACTED]

Lake City Summer Resident – [REDACTED]