

# Community Survey: ROMP Values and Needs

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## **SURVEY RESPONSE REPORT**

23 April 2020 - 10 January 2023

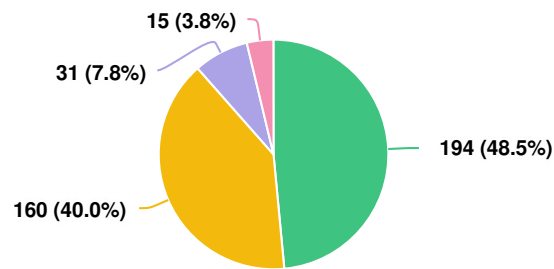
### **PROJECT NAME:**

Clear Creek County Recreation in the Outdoors Management Plan (ROMP)



SURVEY QUESTIONS

**Q1 | Where do you live in Clear Creek County?**



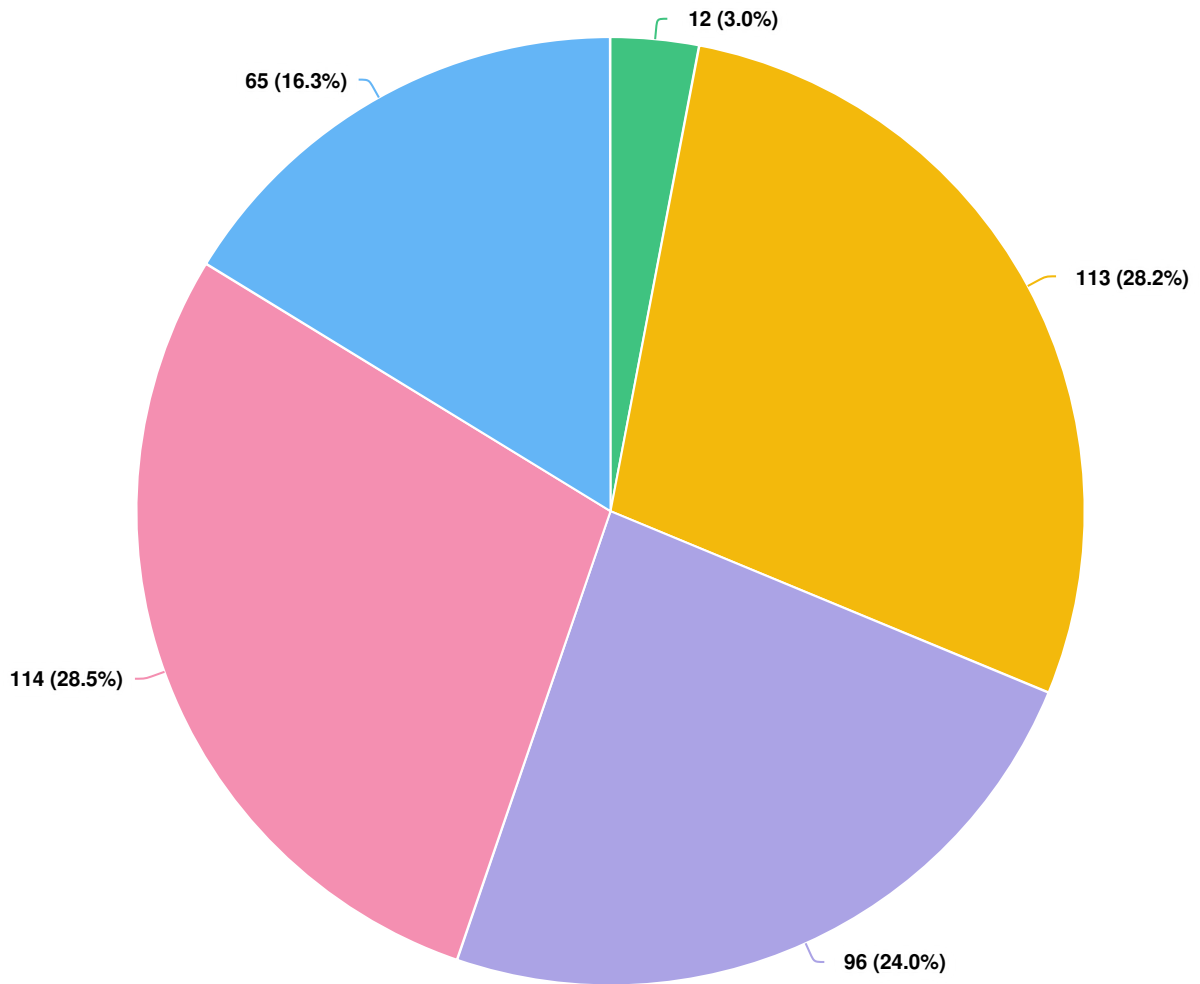
**Question options**

- In one of the municipalities (Empire, Georgetown, Idaho Springs, Silver Plume)
- In an unincorporated area of Clear Creek County near or along an access point to a popular recreational amenity
- Elsewhere in unincorporated Clear Creek County in a secluded area without popular recreation access points
- Not in Clear Creek County (please note, this survey is for part- and full-time residents of Clear Creek County)

*Mandatory Question (400 response(s))*

*Question type: Radio Button Question*

**Q2 Do you recreate outdoors in Clear Creek County?**



**Question options**

- Not at all
- 1-3 times per month
- 1-2 times per week
- 3-5 times per week
- Every day

Mandatory Question (400 response(s))  
Question type: Radio Button Question

**Q3 | If you could change, enhance and/or improve one thing about outdoor recreation in Clear Creek County, what would it be?**

Anonymous

12/05/2022 03:33 PM

More information/signage on trails.

Anonymous

12/05/2022 06:05 PM

Connectivity

Anonymous

12/05/2022 06:54 PM

More mountain bike trails!

Anonymous

12/06/2022 06:05 AM

Clarify atv/utv use regulations and establish defined trailheads/unloading points for their use.

Anonymous

12/06/2022 08:53 AM

Parking is an issue for virtually everything based on tourism and recreation.

Anonymous

12/06/2022 12:14 PM

Add an enforcement component to educate the people that do not respect our public lands and use them inappropriately.

Anonymous

12/06/2022 12:42 PM

Limit noisy activities (like motorized Off-Highway Vehicles, and Shooting) to a few areas so that the rest of us can enjoy our outdoors.

Anonymous

12/06/2022 01:43 PM

Trailhead access/parking along with tourist information and enforcement of laws for tourists.

Anonymous

12/06/2022 01:43 PM

better park areas in all of the municipalities. Some are far superior than others

Anonymous

12/06/2022 01:54 PM

More off road areas for motor vehicles

Anonymous

12/06/2022 02:04 PM

I feel like over the last 5 years, our county has accomplished a LOT regarding rec/parks/open lands. I feel like we are at a good balance currently, where there are opportunities for tourists and locals. I do not support further development of public trails at this time-the county

is already overrun with more tourism we can handle. We have what we need at this time. I think resources could be put to better use for AFFORDABLE HOUSING for locals who are being squeezed out.

Anonymous

12/06/2022 02:09 PM

Better maintenance of trails and forest service roads

Anonymous

12/06/2022 02:29 PM

Better signage

Anonymous

12/06/2022 02:39 PM

No comment. My recreation is merely walking through the streets of Georgetown.

Anonymous

12/06/2022 02:42 PM

More paved walking and biking paths.

Anonymous

12/06/2022 03:16 PM

More trailhead markers, more trail clearing

Anonymous

12/06/2022 03:23 PM

Less people

Anonymous

12/06/2022 03:21 PM

Control of parking and therefore access.

Anonymous

12/06/2022 04:37 PM

Better explanation of behavioral expectations and enforcement of rules, respect and privacy.

Anonymous

12/06/2022 06:02 PM

Create an off leash area outside of Georgetown. Small place in the hills.

Anonymous

12/06/2022 06:54 PM

More XC ski trails.

Anonymous

12/06/2022 09:16 PM

add more disc golf courses

Anonymous

12/07/2022 05:03 AM

More mountain bike trail access, off leash dog areas

Anonymous

12/07/2022 05:31 AM

I am satisfied.

Anonymous

12/07/2022 05:49 AM

Add a dog park.

Anonymous

12/07/2022 06:21 AM

Controlled access to Mt Bierstadt. Perhaps a shuttle system. Likely a parking day pass which pays for enforcement.

Anonymous

12/07/2022 06:27 AM

Add designated OHV parking areas

Anonymous

12/07/2022 07:03 AM

More maintenance is needed on trails in the winter. Waldorf: Permits to drive to Waldorf in the summer for out of County residents. North Empire: Permits to drive North Empire OHV in the summer for out of County residents. Bierstadt: Actively issue tickets to people parked along Guanella Pass to hike Bierstadt. This will bring in revenue and eventually limit the amount of hikers. In return, there will be less destruction to the mountain and a better hiking experience for those who got there early. Use the flat area by the shooting range for a parking lot, and shuttle hikers to Bierstadt. (Ticket required) Grays & Torreys: Create more parking areas (even if they are small and further down the mountain) and ticket people parked along the road. Herman Gulch: Ticket cars not in parking spots. Possibly add to bus route in summer. Possibly have trails crew host a few educational events in the summer that tickets are required. For kids and adults.

Anonymous

12/07/2022 06:38 AM

Make the county a year round destination. I think an indoor regulation size ice rink as well as an indoor/outdoor recreational rink would attract hockey leagues as well as families. This rink could be run and managed by the county in conjunction with the Rec Center. I feel the perfect place would be near the lake in Georgetown.

Anonymous

12/07/2022 08:27 AM

more non-advertised local options that tourists don't know about.

Anonymous

12/07/2022 07:54 AM

More trails.

Anonymous

12/07/2022 08:05 AM

duce the impact of the noise and time wasted in traffic on I-70. That said, develop trails not right next to the highway, and encourage people to travel and recreate during off-peak hours. Improve parking

and site amenities for areas that are already crowded & overused such as Bierstadt, Herman Gulch, & Jones Pass areas. Essentially, keep the crowded areas crowded but manage them better.

Anonymous

12/07/2022 08:04 AM

More motorized single track/double track (non jeep & side by side use)

Anonymous

12/07/2022 08:23 AM

more bike trails, skate parks

Anonymous

12/07/2022 08:32 AM

The amount of people on the trails

Anonymous

12/07/2022 08:50 AM

increase number of trails.

Anonymous

12/07/2022 09:36 AM

better website and outreach to tourists and residents on properties and recreation amenities

Anonymous

12/07/2022 10:39 AM

Stronger working partnership with forest service for trail heads & trash. Adda recycle bin for all the plastic bottles. Entertain how to have a " Trail Warden" that can do random check on hikers, dogs off leash etc. I had this idea when I saw a visitor allow their dog to chase a Mountain Goat on Bierstadt trail last summer :(

Anonymous

12/07/2022 11:39 AM

Not let it get so crowded

Anonymous

12/07/2022 11:13 AM

Any areas opened up to motorized use and/or cycling would be balanced by an equal amount of land area set aside as "wilderness" (however that process could be facilitated at the County level)—i.e. protected from motorized use and/or cycling.

Anonymous

12/07/2022 11:45 AM

Focus on allowing options for quiet recreation.

Anonymous

12/07/2022 12:01 PM

More regulation and oversight on the ORV trails.



Anonymous

12/07/2022 12:00 PM

We need better organized bike and hiking trails that are near towns. Look at Buena Vista, Salida, Pagosa Springs, Steamboat, Summit County, Golden, Boulder, etc. They have quick access to trails. Then people will stay afterwards and spend money. I would also like to see strict enforcement of fires in fire bans and littering. There are a few that are ruining it for all.

Anonymous

12/07/2022 12:08 PM

Signage and garbage cans

Anonymous

12/07/2022 12:21 PM

Better education at trailheads and marking of designated areas for different types of recreation like mountain bikes vs horses vs atv, etc and enforcement and fines of violations equally to visitors and locals.. No more exceptions for visitors! More amenities for locals!!!

Anonymous

12/07/2022 01:11 PM

Improve infrastructure, develop georgetown lake

Anonymous

12/07/2022 01:12 PM

Limit recreational use on roads that need to be used for transportation.

Anonymous

12/07/2022 01:59 PM

Improve roads leading to recreational areas. Provide designated parking. Enforce traffic rules visitors frequently ignore.

Anonymous

12/07/2022 02:31 PM

Maintenance and preservation of the current outdoor recreation.

Anonymous

12/07/2022 03:17 PM

Fewer people (not sure it's possible, but hiking trails have become ridiculously crowded)

Anonymous

12/07/2022 03:25 PM

Limit access to the back country, it's being loved to death!

Anonymous

12/07/2022 03:28 PM

More parking or less people? Maybe more trails.

Anonymous

12/07/2022 03:32 PM

Reduce number of VRBO short term, encourage long term rent. Also disappointed by number of out of state and/or absentee 2nd or 3rd homeowners. On our block there are 4 houses out of 6 that sit vacant.

Anonymous 12/07/2022 03:32 PM	Limit trail usage
Anonymous 12/07/2022 03:31 PM	Less tourists
Anonymous 12/07/2022 03:33 PM	Signage and rules regarding animals on a leash
Anonymous 12/07/2022 03:33 PM	Fix the bike trails
Anonymous 12/07/2022 03:41 PM	respect from those visiting
Anonymous 12/07/2022 03:43 PM	We need more trail heads and parking for ATV and UTV. We have some of the most beautiful trails for off roads g
Anonymous 12/07/2022 03:44 PM	Connected trail system
Anonymous 12/07/2022 03:52 PM	Create outdoor recreation information facility that includes historical ideological formation as well as conservation goals
Anonymous 12/07/2022 03:50 PM	NA
Anonymous 12/07/2022 03:57 PM	Easier creek access not just for rafters, but for creek wading such as what they have in Estes Park and Boulder
Anonymous 12/07/2022 04:00 PM	Add more hiking trails if there is space to do so.
Anonymous 12/07/2022 03:59 PM	Better information available regarding trails & trail systems (mileage, elevation gain, private property boundaries, etc)
Anonymous 12/07/2022 03:58 PM	More trails

Anonymous

12/07/2022 04:01 PM

Not sure, it's great!

Anonymous

12/07/2022 04:31 PM

I don't think what can be changed, enhanced, or improved has been clearly communicated to outdoor recreation users. Cannot answer this question.

Anonymous

12/07/2022 04:14 PM

Conservation of the land, more trail & mountain maintenance in terms of trash removal and cleanup.

Anonymous

12/07/2022 04:24 PM

The question is too ambiguous to answer

Anonymous

12/07/2022 04:11 PM

Address all the overcrowding by nonresidents of our parks and recreational areas.

Anonymous

12/07/2022 04:14 PM

Skate park and more trails that are south facing or accessible in winter months.

Anonymous

12/07/2022 04:14 PM

allow more ATV/UTV access

Anonymous

12/07/2022 04:16 PM

No comment

Anonymous

12/07/2022 04:24 PM

More trailer parking at OHV trailheads. More (or even some) parking at all hiking trailheads. Charge for it and make enough money to pay for a deputy or hired summer cop on the weekends who can manage it and write tickets. You see summer-only beach cops in nearly every beach town. There's lots of nationwide precedent for doing this.

Anonymous

12/07/2022 04:16 PM

Better hiking trails from ID Springs municipality. Virginia Canyon trailhead is a good start but will be overrun with mtn bikers soon.

Anonymous

12/07/2022 04:16 PM

More things for kids/teens to do both indoor and out

Anonymous

12/07/2022 04:23 PM

Trailhead Parking. We have great sights to visit but really crappy parking to recreate. We have to watch our back for threat of Sheriffs Department tickets for parking in areas overwhelmed with visitors.

Anonymous

12/07/2022 04:20 PM

Basketball court and tennis court

Anonymous

12/07/2022 04:24 PM

Develop and provide sustainable access to rock cling areas

Anonymous

12/07/2022 04:27 PM

Limit the number of vehicles on Little Bear Creek Rd. The commercial bicycle people giving rides, drive like bootleggers. They care less if people are walking on the road.

Anonymous

12/07/2022 04:50 PM

I love it. It's why I live here. I love how Floyd Hill turned out. More of that! Hopefully some options up Virginia Canyon Rd? More capitalization on the amount of people that come and visit for road cycling like a bike lane up Mt Evans. I'd enhance Echo Lake ski hill. A shooting/ range area would be nice. I like the Jeep roads. Skate park and ice skating, on real ice. Loveland passes for kiddos that attend the public schools. Groomed cross country skiing course along the creek and thru town? The park across Safeway is also great! Thanks for the work

Anonymous

12/07/2022 04:47 PM

There is nothing more than hiking that I can think of, and skiing in winter. The topography doesn't lend itself to something like a golf course. Got nothing...

Anonymous

12/07/2022 04:37 PM

More areas would be nice due too over crowding from those outside of the county but away from our residential areas! Roads are undermaintained and too busy to be safe!

Anonymous

12/07/2022 04:35 PM

Accessibility to trails especially OHV.

Anonymous

12/07/2022 04:34 PM

Horses

Anonymous

12/07/2022 04:42 PM

Limit the rafting, they trash and abuse the area. They also abuse the public drop off areas that are marked 15min parking. I've been verbally abused for pulling into one for a moment while I was checking on my vehicle. (Maybe that's not what you were asking but anyway)

Anonymous

12/07/2022 04:38 PM

Bring back the skate park

Anonymous

12/07/2022 04:42 PM

More information about public spaces. I came from Jeffco which a great website and maps of all public spaces available at trail heads and libraries.

Anonymous

12/07/2022 04:39 PM

It would be great to have an off leash hiking area, even if it is very small.

Anonymous

12/07/2022 04:42 PM

Outdoor recreation cannot exist as such a detrimental aspect of the Clear Creek community (and tourism!) without housing options for seasonal workers. I have lived in several areas in the county without ever being able to return to the same one as a guide. Either long term camping, housing, or so be it, outdoor recreation is too important to the county to NOT make an effort to safely house the workers in that field.

Anonymous

12/07/2022 04:49 PM

More volunteers to clean up the lakes, trails, and roads..... especially have better trash can pick ups at Georgetown Lake

Anonymous

12/07/2022 04:45 PM

The trail to Golden being completed.

Anonymous

12/07/2022 04:49 PM

Better road access/parking

Anonymous

12/07/2022 04:57 PM

To have a place to shoot my bow

Anonymous

12/07/2022 04:58 PM

A walking path along county roads like 312, more off leash dog parks.

Anonymous

12/07/2022 05:06 PM

More parking at recreational points

Anonymous

12/07/2022 05:14 PM

Add a Dog Park near Idaho Springs, prioritize parks and green space for all to use.

Anonymous

12/07/2022 05:21 PM

I would add a world class skate park. Pickle ball courts would also serve a lot of people. I would also add a Nordic ski track and snowshoe track

Anonymous

12/07/2022 05:15 PM

Open the hike only trail that hardly anyone used to bike also or at least every other day until they get bike trails built. Referring to trail at the Argo. It's going to waste . I know for a fact its hardly used.

Anonymous

12/07/2022 05:27 PM

More shooting access.

Anonymous

12/07/2022 05:22 PM

Trash and Dog poop stations. The only way people are going to dispose of it properly is if it's available

Anonymous

12/07/2022 05:17 PM

Working more with COMBA to establish more bike only trails.

Anonymous

12/07/2022 05:34 PM

That the resources are open, available and maintained. The walking/biking trail is quite often closed and the trail up past the parks building is often full of tents and homeless

Anonymous

12/07/2022 05:31 PM

Less bikes

Anonymous

12/07/2022 05:31 PM

More adult actives that doesn't involve going to the bar. A lot of us adults would rather do something than sitting round all night getting drunk

Anonymous

12/07/2022 05:35 PM

Stop catering to gapers

Anonymous

12/07/2022 05:36 PM

More trails off mesteaehe pass road

Anonymous

12/07/2022 05:50 PM

More parks in the county, perhaps a county owned recreational ski hill

Anonymous

12/07/2022 05:52 PM

Off street parking

Anonymous

12/07/2022 06:00 PM

More trails! For biking and hiking. Whitewater recreation areas improvement and developing more river access in empire.

Anonymous

12/07/2022 06:00 PM

A CSU extension office presence to focus on native flora, pull invasive/noxious weeds, build and maintain gardens not just in Georgetown, etc. there are no CC open space/outdoor rec areas within 30 minutes drive of my residence.

Anonymous

12/07/2022 06:04 PM

Don't add anything that costs taxpayers.

Anonymous

12/07/2022 05:59 PM

I would add more hiking and mountain bike trails.

Anonymous

12/07/2022 06:11 PM

To have more rangers out to help visitors know where they can camp and recreate.

Anonymous

12/07/2022 06:13 PM

Open space, moving forward with the shooting park now that you have basically forced clear creek sportsman's club to close. access to the Rec center we were told we were out of district for even though we live in ccc. Any kind of opportunity to enjoy outdoor recreation in our county would be a improvement

Anonymous

12/07/2022 06:26 PM

I was hiking from my home one day and turned around at Yankee Hill because of the third ricochet from a gun that came near me.

Anonymous

12/07/2022 06:41 PM

Stop opening new public areas, maintain & improve existing properties concerning security and trash management.

Anonymous

12/07/2022 06:30 PM

Parking

Anonymous

12/07/2022 06:38 PM

Better sidewalks in Georgetown.

Anonymous

12/07/2022 06:45 PM

Limit the amount of visitors accessing st marys glacier, Loch Loman and chinns lake. The area is getting destroyed.

Anonymous

12/07/2022 06:46 PM

Better marked trails

Anonymous

12/07/2022 06:43 PM

Nothing, please don't bring a bike path through my neighborhood.

Anonymous

12/07/2022 06:44 PM

Add mountain bike trails and bike path connecting other CCC municipalities.

Anonymous

12/07/2022 07:02 PM

Allow ATV on unpaved roads

Anonymous

12/07/2022 07:17 PM

Provide remote parking for the busiest locations. This could also provides an opportunity to monetize outdoor recreation.

Anonymous

12/07/2022 07:39 PM

I enjoy walking my dog on the pioneer nature trail above the ranger station in Idaho Springs, which has been deteriorating over the last few years. I would like to see trail repairs there, and potentially more similar trails built around the county... Shorter easier loop trails that are easily accessed from communities and can be integrated into walks around the community.

Anonymous

12/07/2022 07:23 PM

Finish the bike & hike Greenway so people can safely enjoy the outdoors without worrying about getting run over. Especially on Stanley Road.

Anonymous

12/07/2022 07:24 PM

More kid friendly trails with educational markers; improved parking for high demand trails for tourists (they overflow into our neighborhoods) higher commitment to leave no trace tools within popular trails

Anonymous

12/07/2022 07:29 PM

Make open spaces open to fishing

Anonymous

12/07/2022 07:29 PM

A bike trail would be awesome! Especially between Idaho springs and George Town

Anonymous

12/07/2022 07:35 PM

Summer swimming and a skatepark



Anonymous

12/07/2022 07:38 PM

I'd like to see the people who visit our county be more educated. This doesn't fall on Clear Creek to fix, but it's the one change I'd like to see.

Anonymous

12/07/2022 07:44 PM

Public transportation to major recreation spots like St Mary's Glacier and Echo Lake (free for county residents and small fee for non-residents).

Anonymous

12/07/2022 07:42 PM

Safety around trails.

Anonymous

12/07/2022 08:09 PM

More parking available at St Mary's glacier trailhead.

Anonymous

12/07/2022 07:47 PM

More trail head access

Anonymous

12/07/2022 07:52 PM

Additional access to trails from town (Idaho Springs). I.e. not needing to drive to access a trail.

Anonymous

12/07/2022 08:02 PM

Can't think of anything off the top of my head.

Anonymous

12/07/2022 08:10 PM

More local trails. There's a lot of private land around and less defined hiking trails. Love the new trails by Argo mine more of that please

Anonymous

12/07/2022 08:24 PM

More MBT trails!

Anonymous

12/07/2022 08:25 PM

More mapped/clearly marked hiking trails between Idaho Springs and Georgetown along i70

Anonymous

12/07/2022 08:32 PM

Improve awareness of private property. Areas such as Silver Plume and the 7:30 trail provide amazing views and excellent recreation trails, however there is very little notice that the majority of the mountain and surrounding areas are privately held. This has caused me several headaches in the past few years.

Anonymous

12/07/2022 09:11 PM

More trails. Most importantly though, having better signs to educate the general public on wilderness preservation, leave no trace, human

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wildlife interface, etc.

Anonymous

12/07/2022 09:29 PM

We spend a lot of time on 4WD trails. We would like to see more education/enforcement of trail etiquette for all, in particular UTVs and SxSs.

Anonymous

12/07/2022 09:45 PM

Not add more

Anonymous

12/07/2022 11:31 PM

Parking

Anonymous

12/07/2022 11:44 PM

Add a skatepark in stead of the expensive rarely used horseshoes. Even a pickle ball court would have been more mixed age appropriate. Or a corn hole game. But I'm worried you'll spend another 50thousand for shoddy work

Anonymous

12/08/2022 01:24 AM

Allow ATV/UTV to travel on county roads that lead up to trails to avoid hassle of loading onto trailers to transport off-road to trail head.

Anonymous

12/08/2022 01:31 AM

Trash pickup.

Anonymous

12/08/2022 03:37 AM

more bike paths

Anonymous

12/08/2022 04:33 AM

More parking

Anonymous

12/08/2022 05:15 AM

Stop forcing private owners to sell land.

Anonymous

12/08/2022 05:31 AM

More fire safety strategies on public land that out of towners use.

Anonymous

12/08/2022 05:51 AM

Quit closing the trails, anderson cabin, bard creek, pavilion point road from plume, high road above waldorf, bard creek from Georgetown. These were connected the towns especially the 4wd road from plume to bard creek. Frank personally closed many of these roads and trails in his fight against recreational sports and they should re open to

dirtbikes or more as singletrack and we would have one of the best dirtbike trail systems in the state.. currently nothing connects the towns of empire plume and georgetown and waldorf. We are beginning to be too much like summit. Been here in Georgetown 20 years and 4 gen Coloradan and it is really sad to see a few old farts ruin the trail system for everyone

Anonymous

12/08/2022 06:37 AM

Slowly but surely ... instill into the general county ethic, planning and decision processes ... the understanding that our outdoor recreational resources are irreplaceable and must be preserved by sustainable management choices, and practices.

Anonymous

12/08/2022 05:50 AM

Availability of more parking for the amount of people that visit my area by Loch. Or maybe better road maintenance. The amount of people that visit our unincorporated neighborhood grows each year. More people flying down Alice Rd to eventually have to park along the street that advertises no parking...

Anonymous

12/08/2022 05:44 AM

Stop using county resources to promote more people using hydrocarbons to come here.

Anonymous

12/08/2022 05:49 AM

Update. Like the playground in Georgetown. Make more spaces kids can play while parents walk or run.

Anonymous

12/08/2022 05:56 AM

End all target shooting in forest areas it's dangerous and shooters never clean up after them selves. More patrols to keep people from destroying where we live. I'm born and raised here and this county is a lot worse than when I was a kid.

Anonymous

12/08/2022 06:11 AM

The corrupt county!

Anonymous

12/08/2022 06:37 AM

More law enforcement. More public education about how to behave outdoors.

Anonymous

12/08/2022 06:30 AM

Easier access to utv trails

Anonymous

12/08/2022 06:36 AM

Fewer illegally parked vehicles and less speeders on county roads. And if they cared a little bit more about mother, nature and would

stop dumping their trash, that would be nice too. I know this is not in your jurisdiction with people coming to the county to recreate, these are the consequences.

Anonymous

12/08/2022 09:02 AM

More hiking trails

Anonymous

12/08/2022 06:37 AM

More hiking trails from the cities, reduce driving and parking issues further up

Anonymous

12/08/2022 06:59 AM

Some trails should be closed off during winter months. 4 wheel roads are deteriorating rapidly due to miss use in the winter months. We need better clean up at trail heads such as Herman Gulch. Our visitors are disrespectful and leave trash everywhere. Dog poop bags left on trails, piles of trash surrounding over flowing trash cans, etc.

Anonymous

12/08/2022 07:12 AM

More facilities. Build a hockey rink for year round skating. More swimming pools. People need to learn to swim. It could save lives

Anonymous

12/08/2022 07:21 AM

Better paths along the creeks

Anonymous

12/08/2022 07:31 AM

Trails with parking at trailheads which start in or close to the towns (Benhoff trail is loved by the locals)

Anonymous

12/08/2022 07:29 AM

More public outdoor areas

Anonymous

12/08/2022 07:45 AM

Reduce traffic

Anonymous

12/08/2022 08:07 AM

More trails and a skate park

Anonymous

12/08/2022 08:10 AM

Trash pickup

Anonymous

12/08/2022 08:18 AM

UTV ATV local roads

Anonymous

12/08/2022 08:25 AM

Keeping it as far from residential development as possible.

Anonymous

12/08/2022 08:55 AM

Cleaner and more visibly pleasing

Anonymous

12/08/2022 10:27 AM

Less crowded

Anonymous

12/08/2022 11:08 AM

More options. Control of dogs on leashes.

Anonymous

12/08/2022 11:16 AM

Eliminate ATVs on York Gulch.

Anonymous

12/08/2022 11:29 AM

Parking

Anonymous

12/08/2022 11:41 AM

more trails, and trails that interconnect with each other. maybe some development of trail easements within property owners.

Anonymous

12/08/2022 11:52 AM

Maps posted at hiking areas, I.e. the trail around the lake by Georgetown indicates trails heading up on the wooded side. It would be nice to have a picture of a map with distances

Anonymous

12/08/2022 12:03 PM

Quit giving access to all the rafters and try to make more access for fly fisherman along the river. More mountain bike trails would be great! They could also be combined with hiking trails.

Anonymous

12/08/2022 12:12 PM

Connective Trails accessible to Mountains Bikes .

Anonymous

12/08/2022 12:45 PM

Maybe a flatter bike trail/loop in or around Idaho Springs or Georgetown.

Anonymous

12/08/2022 01:24 PM

Just continue good road bike and mtn bike pathways to separate cars and bikes.

Anonymous

12/08/2022 01:41 PM

Road maintenance

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Anonymous

12/08/2022 02:05 PM

The traffic at the top of Guanella Pass

Anonymous

12/08/2022 02:22 PM

Place the skate park in a sunny location to be used year round. Make sure the concert venue is also in sun

Anonymous

12/08/2022 02:43 PM

No thoughts

Anonymous

12/08/2022 03:11 PM

Control the number of people and vehicles in many county areas because of: a) air pollution b) difficulty in getting to some areas due to the amount of auto traffic. c)Too many people who do not take care of our natural resources

Anonymous

12/08/2022 02:56 PM

I-70 travel

Anonymous

12/08/2022 03:08 PM

Ban OHV's.

Anonymous

12/08/2022 03:23 PM

Better signage.

Anonymous

12/08/2022 03:33 PM

less sidexside use, they are getting the trails closed more than anyone else.

Anonymous

12/08/2022 03:43 PM

Additional designated hiking and biking trails (I use non designated mining roads and unmarked trails)

Anonymous

12/08/2022 04:06 PM

Less distructive Denver people

Anonymous

12/08/2022 04:55 PM

Off leash dog park

Anonymous

12/08/2022 06:31 PM

More courteous hikers (pick up dog poop, don't blast music on trail, bikers don't be reckless), and no concern for sketchy/dangerous campers on quiet trails.

Anonymous

12/08/2022 07:41 PM

More access.

Anonymous

12/08/2022 07:05 PM

For the most part, it is great! Better (clearer) signage in some areas would be helpful, particularly during hunting seasons, to make hunters aware that it is a mixed use area and to adhere to rules re: distance from roads/trails, and vice-versa, to make hikers/snowshoers/bikers aware of areas being open to hunting.

Anonymous

12/08/2022 07:09 PM

Legalize atv on the roads in Idaho springs.

Anonymous

12/08/2022 07:37 PM

Parking at trailheads

Anonymous

12/08/2022 08:14 PM

Improved trail markings. Restrooms at entrance of high use areas.

Anonymous

12/08/2022 10:05 PM

More kid specific activities. le improve existing parks, bike park/pump track, play in the stream area.

Anonymous

12/08/2022 09:25 PM

More community based events

Anonymous

12/08/2022 09:35 PM

Fix the current issues and close problem areas. More enforcement

Anonymous

12/09/2022 03:16 AM

Clearing sapling trees from the many old mining roads.

Anonymous

12/09/2022 04:12 AM

More mountain bike trails, specifically blacks and double black rated trails.

Anonymous

12/09/2022 05:03 AM

I would utilize our beloved football field for family outdoor activities! Please do not allow it to become another housing complex/parking garage etc.

Anonymous

12/09/2022 06:54 AM

Place sound barrier along highway I-70, it's very loud. Noise pollution is terrible in town. We enjoy the great walks, but the sound of this highway isn't enjoyable. When on walks with my family we spend a

great amount of time yelling over traffic.

Anonymous

12/09/2022 06:43 AM

Vehicle traffic and lack of parking for the glacier hike makes it almost impossible to get up fall River Road on a weekend

Anonymous

12/09/2022 07:11 AM

Improve traffic access via I-70

Anonymous

12/09/2022 07:07 AM

Would love a nice public park that maybe has exercise equipment or interactive equipment, something walkable to the river, more river access in town or a place for kids to play would be nice!

Anonymous

12/09/2022 07:08 AM

A full service bike shop

Anonymous

12/09/2022 07:43 AM

Organized location, parking, more park rangers

Anonymous

12/09/2022 08:00 AM

Add a skateboard park for the kids and a off leash dog park

Anonymous

12/09/2022 08:59 AM

Some way to enforce our ATV traffic rules. Might it be possible to have local volunteers who can collect evidence of wrong doings that could be forwarded to local law enforcement? Many ATV riders are polite, but a few bad apples would be better videoed and fined.

Anonymous

12/09/2022 09:38 AM

More "advanced" or "expert" level bike trails.

Anonymous

12/09/2022 10:35 AM

Finish the shooting ranges and ban shooting in the county.

Anonymous

12/09/2022 10:44 AM

Complete the "Devil's Nose Shooting Range."

Anonymous

12/09/2022 10:48 AM

Happy the way things are now

Anonymous

12/09/2022 11:21 AM

Keep people on the trails!



Anonymous 12/09/2022 02:38 PM	Staying focused on quiet, non-motorized recreation on our open space lands, on our trails and in our back country.
Anonymous 12/09/2022 03:01 PM	Separate users into different areas e.g. recreational shooting from hiking areas.
Anonymous 12/09/2022 03:44 PM	Complete the pike to plains trail and improve the trail along I-70 to Idaho springs
Anonymous 12/09/2022 03:59 PM	All dogs must be leashed on County trails
Anonymous 12/09/2022 04:51 PM	Provide restrooms and trash receptacles at Jones Pass.
Anonymous 12/09/2022 04:52 PM	I would like to see volunteers who help pick up the trash left behind be supported. They should not have to PAY to take the trash to the transfer station. It is insult to injury.
Anonymous 12/09/2022 04:52 PM	Disallow OHV's on trails, county roads and forest service roads
Anonymous 12/09/2022 05:04 PM	Have the rest of the Douglas Mtn Meadow placed in a conservation easement or under CPW control
Anonymous 12/09/2022 05:00 PM	Keep county clean and safe for
Anonymous 12/09/2022 07:13 PM	More access for parking to climb
Anonymous 12/09/2022 10:41 PM	Better maintenance of infrastructure.
Anonymous 12/10/2022 06:05 AM	Better dirt road access
Anonymous	Please stop the usage of ohvs in our forests. They are destroying

12/10/2022 07:40 AM

trails and are obnoxious. Please focus on non-motorized, quiet recreation. Thank you for doing this survey.

Anonymous

12/10/2022 08:33 AM

No suggestions

Anonymous

12/10/2022 10:25 AM

More handicap and physically impaired access

Anonymous

12/10/2022 10:28 AM

Implement controls or restrictions on the number of people who can recreate at our busiest locations.

Anonymous

12/10/2022 02:56 PM

More outdoor recreational offerings for people 60+.

Anonymous

12/10/2022 02:54 PM

On line information about opportunities old and new.

Anonymous

12/10/2022 03:07 PM

Allow ATVs to use low traffic county (dirt) roads to access national forest trails. It's a real pain to trailer for a quarter of a mile. Motorcycles are louder and legal.

Anonymous

12/10/2022 03:18 PM

Shuttles to the more popular trailheads to reduce parking problems

Anonymous

12/10/2022 03:56 PM

Improve roads and sidewalks

Anonymous

12/10/2022 05:20 PM

My family and I love mountain biking. We have a 3 yr old that we take to bike parks because it's a good place to learn for him. I would love to see a bike park with both small kids stuff up to expert features and jump lines. Like frisco, ruby hill, Valmont or Golden have.

Anonymous

12/10/2022 06:59 PM

Better trailhead parking

Anonymous

12/10/2022 08:36 PM

Please put a limit on where ORVs can recreate. Keep them separate from hiking trails. Noise pollution and wildlife should be a consideration.

Anonymous

12/10/2022 10:32 PM

More enforcement of the rules of the area.

Anonymous

12/11/2022 12:57 AM

Leave recreational access open all year. Please stop closing access especially in thw winter

Anonymous

12/11/2022 06:40 AM

Locals parking

Anonymous

12/11/2022 07:21 AM

More mountain bike trails

Anonymous

12/11/2022 08:23 AM

We need a golf course, better biking/hiking trails along clear creek. Its too bad the town of empire is always in a state of transition and disrepair. It would be nice if the county made a better commitment to create a true historic mountain town with better sustainable shops and restaurants that would drive tourism dollars and increase property values around the area. It is the "red-headed step child" of the county.

Anonymous

12/11/2022 12:12 PM

nothing, I'm happy

Anonymous

12/11/2022 01:41 PM

parking for those who come here, direct them to a large lot, provide a shuttle, outdoorsy people don't mind walking/biking. but the rest of those who come and support the HUGE I.S. sales tax do not!

Anonymous

12/11/2022 02:35 PM

Require day passes for non-residents

Anonymous

12/11/2022 03:33 PM

Stop running off OHVs. They eat and gas up in the county.

Anonymous

12/11/2022 04:00 PM

Nothing, hope It doesn't change

Anonymous

12/11/2022 04:42 PM

More bike friendly trails

Anonymous

12/11/2022 07:13 PM

Parking

Anonymous

12/11/2022 08:26 PM

The ability to host a shooting range in residential area, no limits on caliber, or rate of fire, 50 meters away from neighbors front doors.

Anonymous

12/11/2022 09:26 PM

None

Anonymous

12/12/2022 08:32 AM

I enjoy dispersed camping, but I also like what some other areas near Crested Butte have done. They have designated camp sites to avoid over-crowding as well assisting our Rangers with number of fire pits minimizing potential forest fires. Areas for designated camping in CCC would be Jones Pass, and N & S Bard Creek.

Anonymous

12/12/2022 07:57 AM

More options for young children and youth. Perhaps more updated or larger parks or a splash pad to be used in the summer

Anonymous

12/12/2022 10:56 AM

Limit tourist access our trails.

Anonymous

12/12/2022 06:17 PM

Build the skatepark! And fix the park structure for kids at Courtney Riley Cooper Park.

Anonymous

12/12/2022 09:18 PM

More trails

Anonymous

12/13/2022 07:02 AM

Education of our resources and LNT principles to ensure the longevity of trail networks, and overall promote environmental stewardship and sustainability.

Anonymous

12/13/2022 10:46 AM

I'd love it if you would add pickleball courts, indoors or out.

Anonymous

12/13/2022 01:57 PM

Quality, not quantity - particularly when we are talking about the quantity of tourists

Anonymous

12/13/2022 03:48 PM

Trail head parking. Bathrooms

Anonymous

12/13/2022 09:00 PM

Know what the options are.

Anonymous

12/14/2022 09:37 AM

I enjoy many different types of outdoor rec, one of which is motorized OHV riding. The parking/staging area for OHVs is lacking, minimal at best. I can never find a good spot to park and end up staging in spots I don't think I'm supposed to. I'd like to see larger better established and legal staging areas. That along with better signage (kiosks with trail maps, rules, etc.) I think would make it much safer, more enjoyable and bring more people to the area.

Anonymous

12/14/2022 09:38 AM

More quality opportunities for OHV recreation, especially single-track for motorcycles

Anonymous

12/14/2022 11:08 AM

Better parking, toilets maps etc

Anonymous

12/14/2022 11:11 AM

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Anonymous

12/14/2022 11:50 AM

Stop closing OHV routes

Anonymous

12/14/2022 12:14 PM

More motorized trails, better and larger parking areas at trail heads for trailers.

Anonymous

12/14/2022 12:50 PM

Add additional trails and connections for full size 4WD vehicles. I would particularly like to see a connecting trail between the Red Elephant Hill / Mill Creek / Bill Moore trail system (also known as the Empire Loop) and the trail system around Alice (Chinns Lake, Loch Lomond, Yankee Hill). Those two trail systems are very close to each other but there is no legal connecting route between them.

Anonymous

12/14/2022 01:02 PM

Expand the trail systems to reduce traffic on each trail. Possibly connect Empire to Alice trails too help with system.

Anonymous

12/14/2022 01:20 PM

manage overcrowding and those not following the regulations (ie. shooting in the national forest)

Anonymous

12/14/2022 01:30 PM

There be more opportunities for OHV/Full size. There are many trails that are historical and currently closed. I would also like to see law enforcement doing a better job of ticketing or reprimanding users who are not following rules- including things like having fires or shooting

during fire bans, making sure they get illegal activity and abandoned property (like campers, cars) out of the forest. I volunteer with the Forest Service in Clear Creek and have trail adoptions and struggle with getting the Forest Service LEO to get things done.

Anonymous

12/14/2022 01:53 PM

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Anonymous

12/14/2022 03:55 PM

Finish the Virginia Canyon mountain bike and hiking trail system, please!

Anonymous

12/14/2022 07:05 PM

Get rid of the quarry trucks in and out of Clear creek canyon

Anonymous

12/15/2022 08:22 AM

I would like to see more funding and attention to OHV recreation areas, and the protection of OHV users rights. Our public lands should truly remain multi use.

Anonymous

12/15/2022 09:18 AM

Keep adding hiking trails

Anonymous

12/15/2022 03:21 PM

Dogs need off leash areas to run

Anonymous

12/15/2022 03:36 PM

More and better paved road access

Anonymous

12/15/2022 04:03 PM

Bathrooms at trailheads

Anonymous

12/15/2022 04:17 PM

I want people to be able to enjoy the area. I just wish they would respect the people who live here more. (keep down the noise)

Anonymous

12/15/2022 05:03 PM

Parking

Anonymous

12/15/2022 06:13 PM

Better signs where trails are

Anonymous

More MTB trails

12/15/2022 06:57 PM

Anonymous

Better warning of road closures/construction

12/15/2022 09:20 PM

Anonymous

Ban cars going up to squaw peak. Add gate at bottom of road and close the shooting range. This is such a beautiful spot to hike and enjoy outdoors but the cars rut the road and are rude and the shooting range feels unsafe.

12/16/2022 05:17 AM

Anonymous

Stop expanding, and maintain what areas are open to the public.

12/16/2022 01:44 PM

Anonymous

The proposed trail in mention will be a fantastic addition to the clear Creek county trail system.

12/16/2022 12:52 PM

Anonymous

A complete map of all the places on the county website

12/16/2022 02:10 PM

Anonymous

Parking and Commercial use

12/16/2022 02:52 PM

Anonymous

I live in Brook Forest and it doesn't exist here.

12/16/2022 03:11 PM

Anonymous

More dedicated walking paths, either dirt on concrete, that are easier and therefore more accessible to people with physical limitations

12/16/2022 05:32 PM

Anonymous

Limit parking/numbers

12/16/2022 09:38 PM

Anonymous

Better regulation/enforcement of primarily the side-by-side community, and the all too common firearms that come with them. Specifically, enforcement of the fire bans when there's shooting going on--which is literally every day. Anybody shooting during a fire ban is ALSO most likely to send some strays and ricochets my way I feel, which is by far my biggest concern in the outdoors here.

12/17/2022 12:38 AM

Anonymous

More walking trails thru woods away from traffic noise.

12/17/2022 07:30 AM

Anonymous 12/17/2022 09:02 AM	To seize making new trails! Most are abused when used by those who leave trash and whatnot behind. I prefer clean trails and mountains not ones with bits of trash along them!
Anonymous 12/17/2022 12:09 PM	Limit ATV use to specific areas
Anonymous 12/17/2022 05:45 PM	Sound barriers along 1-70
Anonymous 12/18/2022 07:34 AM	a connected/continuous bike path from Floyd hill THROUGH Idaho springs to Georgetown
Anonymous 12/18/2022 10:06 AM	I would like to see free groomed cross-country ski trails.
Anonymous 12/18/2022 11:21 AM	More Code enforcement if you can limit shooting people.
Anonymous 12/18/2022 12:28 PM	Trash cans at trailheads
Anonymous 12/18/2022 04:13 PM	Have garbage cans at all trailheads
Anonymous 12/18/2022 05:41 PM	Use Berthoud Pass for some type of recreation. Tubing hill.
Anonymous 12/18/2022 06:54 PM	Less motorized vehicles
Anonymous 12/18/2022 06:57 PM	Trash access
Anonymous 12/18/2022 08:47 PM	More regulation and monitoring of recreational activity.
Anonymous 12/18/2022 09:58 PM	We need more skateparks in clear creek county. I don't know if a single one.



Anonymous

12/19/2022 09:09 AM

I'd love to see tennis and pickle ball courts

Anonymous

12/19/2022 09:56 AM

Provide better parking and access to St Mary's Glacier.

Anonymous

12/19/2022 12:15 PM

Improve the parking situations at most trailheads. Off leash dogs.

Anonymous

12/20/2022 07:57 AM

Limit access to St. Mary's Glacier Area

Anonymous

12/20/2022 05:56 PM

More established trail systems identified for recreation on hwy 103

Anonymous

12/21/2022 04:39 AM

Better and more often patrolling of recreational areas for dumping and littering. Including those who dont clear their animal's or their own waste from these area. Its litter or dog poop bag or used, hazardous toilet paper, on nearly every trail, campsite, creek bed, etc. Its gotten way out of control.

Anonymous

12/21/2022 06:44 AM

More hiking/biking trails like on Floyd Hill

Anonymous

12/21/2022 07:15 AM

Add more parking at trailheads and access areas to national forests. The hardest part about accessing our public lands in a non-motorized way is trying to get close enough to bike, walk, or snow shoe in.

Anonymous

12/21/2022 01:45 PM

Please respect what is blessed on us.

Anonymous

12/22/2022 12:21 PM

More mountain bike trails

Anonymous

12/22/2022 08:34 PM

Preserving our natural areas and protecting it from being overrun by too many people.

Anonymous

12/23/2022 12:48 AM

Better/easier access to information on all of the opportunities.

Anonymous

12/23/2022 06:36 AM

Limited access to out of towners

Anonymous

12/23/2022 05:35 PM

Motorized vehicles, ATV's are pure destruction wherever they go. The area should be explored only on foot. The laziness ATV's offer produce mostly reckless kicks and endangerment to all in the area. The dirt roads, especially York Gulch, invite outrageous actions. I have seen some accidents. I don't know if they get reported. Parking areas near trailheads are a necessary blight. Any concept that minimizes ATV activity is gold.

Anonymous

12/23/2022 05:43 PM

Clamp down on reckless ATV's. The Recreation Department could augment their budgets by receiving fine money from abusers. Weekend stake outs could really send a message. Speed limits should be strictly enforced, especially on weekends.

Anonymous

12/24/2022 03:38 PM

Limit access to ohv's

Anonymous

12/25/2022 07:51 PM

Trailhead improvements

Anonymous

12/27/2022 12:56 PM

Trails. And connected trails (a network with multiple access points). There are a lot of 4x4 roads, ans a lot of public land, but only a handful of relatively isolated trails. I truly think that CCC could be a destination for hikers, trail runners and mountain bikers, and spread them out to minimize impact, with an effective, planned network.

Anonymous

12/30/2022 01:53 PM

We would want to change, enhance & improve the education & mind set of the people who come to our community to recreate not LIVE WILD! We have seen too much!!!

Anonymous

12/31/2022 07:57 AM

Stop the expansion, maintain what is already developed.

Anonymous

12/31/2022 05:28 PM

Make it more accessible with improved bus routes and reliability

Anonymous

1/03/2023 05:23 PM

Build a revenue stream that exploits out of towners

Anonymous

1/03/2023 05:55 PM

Have the county measure the ice at GT lake and place signs noting it is safe For ice skating and such. Also a way to clear the ice so don't get hurt. Christmas tree out on the lake like they do in Keystone. These items would not only promote tourism, but give local residents something to do. Better outdoor toilets (St. Mary's is so gross!). Putt putt golf or golf course - we need more activities. Create a sledding hill. Doesn't need the whole tubing system, just a place to sled down old school

Anonymous

1/03/2023 05:59 PM

Get rid of the jerks that come up here and leave their trash, ruin the terrain,don't spend a dime and leave

Anonymous

1/03/2023 06:07 PM

Less crowded. More parking

Anonymous

1/03/2023 06:57 PM

More services and attention at St. Mary's Glacier/Loch Lomand area

Anonymous

1/03/2023 07:59 PM

More camping

Anonymous

1/03/2023 08:12 PM

Serving the county more equally by working with neighboring counties and open space owners to offer residents recreation opportunities and facilities near where they live. Now it seems all Clear Creek recreation is centrally located in the county near the I-70 corridor.

Anonymous

1/03/2023 08:32 PM

Better parking enforcement for people who park on roads and block traffic

Anonymous

1/03/2023 08:29 PM

Better river access points...

Anonymous

1/03/2023 08:52 PM

Parking.

Anonymous

1/03/2023 09:11 PM

Parking availability

Anonymous

1/03/2023 09:37 PM

Clearer signage for public access

Anonymous

1/03/2023 11:01 PM

More open park space & a designated dog park.

Anonymous

1/03/2023 11:07 PM

Ban shooting outside of gun ranges. Investigate the potential for restarting the Eclipse Snow Park project.

Anonymous

1/04/2023 12:29 AM

Better trails.

Anonymous

1/04/2023 07:08 AM

Permit the small ski area near St Mary's Glacier to reopen. If not publicly, for residents. Thank you.

Anonymous

1/04/2023 08:34 AM

Being up on st Mary's glacier for the last 5 years I have several things I can think of that would improve the quality of life for us locals. 1. Trash receptacles for dog poop near the hike. Every time I hike the glacier I bring a kitchen trash bag and fill it with poop bags. Doesn't matter how often I go it's still full. I went every day for a month and filled a garbage bag every single day. And it's because there is no option for disposal so they just leave it there. 2. Parking parking parking! There are 2 lots up there that are privately owned but it's not enough, they park all along the main road and have now made their way into the neighborhood frequently blocking houses and even mailboxes, when the sheriff is called its handled almost like " oh I guess we have to go up there again, sigh"....well the truth is ticketing someone that's only coming there once while on vacation actually does nothing to deter visitors from breaking rules. I actually drive up and down fall.river on busy weekends to tell people not to park there to which they say "well where do we park? Everywhere else is full and there are no signs saying not to park here" Which leads me to my third point. 3. SIGNAGE! putting up paper signs is asinine, they blow away, get rained on or ripped off. There needs to be permanent signage from the clear creek county sheriff's explicitly saying no parking violators will be ticketed or towed. And it needs to be enforced. Our community is growing rapidly and the years of ignoring our issues both by the county and the forestry service will not be able to continue! eventually something needs to be done and I believe the time is now. St Mary's has been treated as the bastard child for decades and with so many new homes up here I believe we need some help to make this place as great of a community as the incorporated parts of clear creek county.

Anonymous

1/04/2023 08:47 AM

More multi use non motorized trails

Anonymous 1/04/2023 08:47 AM	Roads and parking. Better signage and enforcement
Anonymous 1/04/2023 08:53 AM	I live near St Mary's. Improved parking and ticketing of those parking along the road in front of 'no parking signs' would make the community safer.
Anonymous 1/04/2023 09:28 AM	STOP BUILDING
Anonymous 1/04/2023 09:47 AM	Management
Anonymous 1/04/2023 10:08 AM	Get rid-regulate of off-road vehicles and fire arms shooting
Anonymous 1/04/2023 10:55 AM	A shuttle in peak season to st Mary's glacier from Idaho springs lots
Anonymous 1/04/2023 10:58 AM	Limit number of visitors per day at the Glacier.
Anonymous 1/04/2023 11:54 AM	Add more parking
Anonymous 1/04/2023 12:43 PM	Less people, less trash, dogs leashed, etc.....
Anonymous 1/04/2023 01:24 PM	Less people trash
Anonymous 1/04/2023 02:33 PM	More trails, better access & actual signage
Anonymous 1/04/2023 02:35 PM	More trails
Anonymous 1/04/2023 02:56 PM	More monitoring of the St Mary's glacier parking area for trash and people parking on the roads blocking them.

Anonymous

1/04/2023 03:34 PM

More directional mountain bike trails!

Anonymous

1/04/2023 03:40 PM

Anonymous

1/04/2023 03:47 PM

More maintained hiking/biking trails for hikers and dogs

Anonymous

1/04/2023 04:22 PM

I would like if a trail goes through a person's remote property that they wouldn't be able to block it off and mark it as private property. We as hikers and ohv drivers should be allowed access as long as we don't leave the trail.

Anonymous

1/04/2023 05:35 PM

More mountain bike only trails

Anonymous

1/04/2023 05:40 PM

Floyd Hill is my favorite spot to ride, I drive there several times a week from Golden. Thank you for building it! One of the best trail networks in the Front Range. The only thing that could improve it is more trails, or more trails like Floyd in other parts of the county.

Anonymous

1/04/2023 06:52 PM

We need a paved walking track in Georgetown

Anonymous

1/04/2023 07:42 PM

More off road access for rec vehicles and ATVs

Anonymous

1/05/2023 06:14 AM

Keeping things as undeveloped as possible. It's better for the environment as well as less of an eyesore.

Anonymous

1/05/2023 08:21 AM

Improve parking at popular recreational sites in the St Mary's area

Anonymous

1/05/2023 09:26 AM

Somehow get control of dog owners who don't leash their dogs or pick up their waste.

Anonymous

1/05/2023 05:13 PM

Have the sheriff department ticket and tow illegal parking along Fall River Rd

Anonymous

1/05/2023 06:12 PM

Less crowded

Anonymous

1/05/2023 07:45 PM

Minimize the amount of 4 wheelers and motorcycles that destroy the back country roads. Maybe have permits? Also racing up and down the dirt roads next to houses..

Anonymous

1/06/2023 01:20 PM

Enforce no parking zones

Anonymous

1/06/2023 03:30 PM

Access information and maps with details about the particular site.

Anonymous

1/06/2023 03:52 PM

Maybe more easy walking paths but pretty satisfied as it is.

Anonymous

1/06/2023 03:49 PM

Biking to other towns.

Anonymous

1/06/2023 06:27 PM

More bike and hike trails. Market to non motorized enthusiasts

Anonymous

1/07/2023 05:28 AM

Ensure that access to outdoor recreation is accessible for the disabled. A lot of trails I use to frequent I can't now.

Anonymous

1/07/2023 07:58 AM

Some improvement to North Empire road.

Anonymous

1/07/2023 03:59 PM

Limit access to St Mary's Glacier hike.

Anonymous

1/07/2023 05:31 PM

Not sure. More recreation in Georgetown

Anonymous

1/08/2023 08:45 AM

Limit the number of tourists. Charge parking fees to those outside CCC and provide resident parking passes free of charge. Use those fees to maintain and beautify our recreational spaces.

Anonymous

1/08/2023 11:39 AM

Prevent traffic congestion on the weekends

Anonymous

1/08/2023 11:45 AM

Have campgrounds open longer.

Anonymous

1/08/2023 12:41 PM

Find some way to require individuals to clean up after themselves and their dogs

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1/08/2023 02:22 PM

Trail user communication about conditions, appropriate use, etc.

Anonymous

1/08/2023 07:05 PM

Trails could be better maintained, trash collected.

Anonymous

1/09/2023 06:58 PM

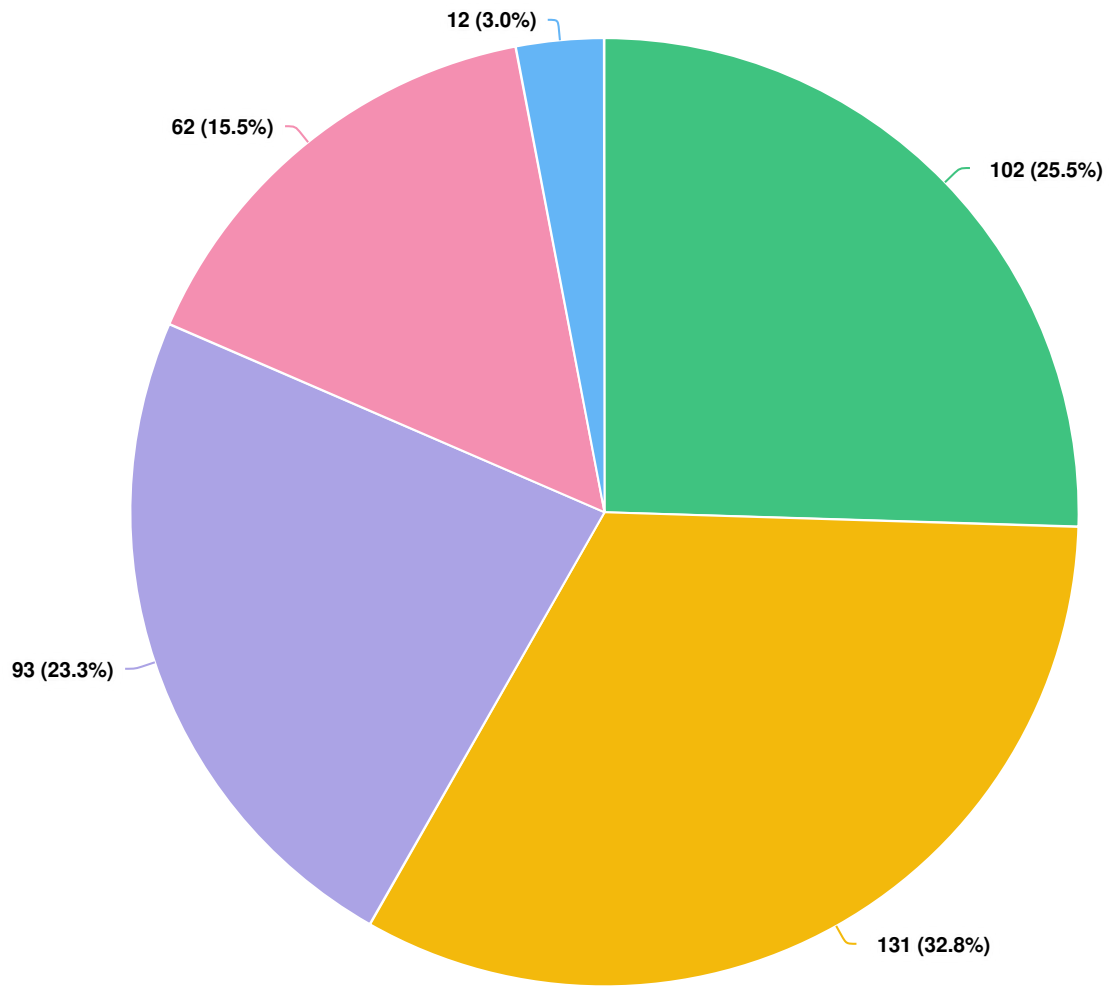
Fix the parking issue at st. Marys glacier. Cars park on the streets.

**Mandatory Question** (400 response(s))

**Question type:** Essay Question



**Q4** How does Clear Creek County's role as an outdoor recreation destination affect your quality of life?



**Question options**

- Very positively
- Positively
- Neutral
- Negatively
- Very negatively

Mandatory Question (400 response(s))  
Question type: Radio Button Question

**Q5 | Please comment/elaborate on how Clear Creek County's role as an outdoor recreation destination affects your quality of life? (optional)**

Anonymous

12/05/2022 06:05 PM

My quality of life is enhanced by CCC being an outdoor recreation destination. Not only does this support the local economy but it is also beneficial to the business I am employed by. I enjoy the social benefits of sharing a love of outdoor recreation with my friends and neighbors and selfishly, I enjoy the improvements made to the local outdoor recreation amenities.

Anonymous

12/06/2022 08:53 AM

We are in the mountains! Beautiful scenery, wonderful and rich history and mining heritage.

Anonymous

12/06/2022 12:14 PM

It's been an uplifting experience to explore the different areas.

Anonymous

12/06/2022 12:42 PM

Some areas have become over-crowded.

Anonymous

12/06/2022 01:43 PM

I think the trails are relatively well maintained. The trails are also quite beautiful and fun to use. The problems I have stem from uninhibited law breaking and back country shenanigans by tourists who live out of county. It makes it difficult for me to support expanded tourism services when there are problems already being created by certain portions of those who choose to recreate here.

Anonymous

12/06/2022 01:43 PM

n/a

Anonymous

12/06/2022 01:54 PM

close to metro Denver and other amenities

Anonymous

12/06/2022 02:04 PM

Again...we are at capacity with regard to tourism...it's time to step back with trail development. I support further protections of open spaces, but NOT development of new trails or facilities.

Anonymous

12/06/2022 02:09 PM

I love having so many options for outdoor recreation in my own backyard.

Anonymous 12/06/2022 02:42 PM	I can't ride my bike on the frontage road without fearing I will be killed.
Anonymous 12/06/2022 03:16 PM	Outdoor recreation provides fresh air, peaceful locations and good camaraderie. Attracting outdoor-active visitors feeds businesses that run the economy and maintain jobs.
Anonymous 12/06/2022 03:21 PM	My physical health and mental health.
Anonymous 12/06/2022 04:37 PM	Lack of respect and appreciation for residents as well as the opportunities.
Anonymous 12/06/2022 06:02 PM	Definitely encourages health and fitness as well as outlets for off-loading stress.
Anonymous 12/06/2022 09:16 PM	I love the outdoors, close proximity to skiing, biking, rafting and hiking
Anonymous 12/07/2022 05:31 AM	Trails and open space.
Anonymous 12/07/2022 06:21 AM	It's all about reconnecting with what matters (nature—our beginnings, what was here before us and will be here afterwards) and re-energizing from it.
Anonymous 12/07/2022 06:27 AM	While it may provide some economic benefit, it also increases traffic and congestion
Anonymous 12/07/2022 07:03 AM	I live in Clear Creek County to enjoy the recreation. Many of the trails and destinations are overcrowded, which causes destruction to the landscape and congestion in towns and roads. There needs to be more infrastructure to mitigate this. However, there are still many roads and trails that are not advertised and aren't as popular that I still enjoy.
Anonymous 12/07/2022 08:27 AM	There are so many options that are literally just a few strides away from my home. The options are very good ones, well maintained and worth the cost to live here.

Anonymous

12/07/2022 07:54 AM

Mountain bike trails close to home makes it easy to get outside for fresh air & exercise.

Anonymous

12/07/2022 08:05 AM

We need economic growth but I don't want the feel of a resort town like Breckenridge which has lost its soul.

Anonymous

12/07/2022 08:23 AM

need more tourist

Anonymous

12/07/2022 08:32 AM

It's good to get outside and be active

Anonymous

12/07/2022 09:36 AM

having hiking right outside our door is wonderful

Anonymous

12/07/2022 10:39 AM

I believe once in full effect ROMP can collaborate to manage and promote more education needed for visitors and protect the very special reason we live here for our future generation (my kids)

Anonymous

12/07/2022 11:39 AM

I have lived in Clear Creek County my entire life. I do appreciate that the outdoor recreation brings money to the county which allows us to continue to improve the overall look of the county. However, with that many people coming to our county it does take away the quality of small-town living.

Anonymous

12/07/2022 11:13 AM

My neighborhood is an incredibly beautiful place to live (positive), and at the same time is a destination for visiting ATV and side-by-side drivers to recreate illegally—not to mention speed—on the county road that bisects our community (negative).

Anonymous

12/07/2022 11:45 AM

I live near the Beaver Brook Watershed. (The Forest Service section) It is wonderful to see locals and families enjoying the nature in a setting that can be very peaceful. Sometimes visitors from outside the county are not respectful of this natural beauty. \* 3 dogs off leash. One would have attacked me if I hadn't had poles to protect me. \* Ignoring the fire ban. \* Parking in my driveway or y neighbor's driveway. \* Shooting across a hiking trail \* Driving up the canyon in illegal motorized vehicles.

Anonymous

I enjoy certain aspects but the overcrowded and unregulated ORV

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12/07/2022 12:01 PM

traffic through our neighborhood is getting dangerous and out of control.

Anonymous

12/07/2022 12:00 PM

As a resident, its the number 1 reason I choose to live here.

Anonymous

12/07/2022 12:08 PM

I love off roading, exploring, hiking, photography, birding, camping, and enjoying nature

Anonymous

12/07/2022 01:11 PM

With increased inflow of people will bring development and prosperity to people

Anonymous

12/07/2022 01:12 PM

When they wreck their vehicles on our road in and out, and authorities close the road, it is very inconvenient!!!

Anonymous

12/07/2022 01:59 PM

Visitors in vehicles are not respectful of other visitors on foot or on bicycles. Campers leave litter in the forest.

Anonymous

12/07/2022 03:25 PM

Traffic accessing rec areas passes by my house

Anonymous

12/07/2022 03:28 PM

I love living here because I can recreate in my back yard, but the traffic is insane on the weekends making it hard to even get home on Friday afternoons, Saturday, Sunday. Often it's hard to find parking at some trails.

Anonymous

12/07/2022 03:32 PM

Close proximity to the Denver metro area causes overcrowding in the backcountry and irresponsible outdoor habits

Anonymous

12/07/2022 03:33 PM

Being outdoors is a way of life but our trails and our infrastructure is getting over ran and we do not have designated parking lots for enough people with paid parking in ifaho springs it makes people not stay and recreate because they have no place to park

Anonymous

12/07/2022 03:41 PM

People speed by my house People not staying on the trails

Anonymous

12/07/2022 03:43 PM

Only worry about bike paths if more off road trails brings more money into the county

Anonymous

12/07/2022 03:52 PM

Came here to recover from or hospice after multiple heart attacks 10 years later im a hiking fishing camping guide .heart has completely rebuilt itself

Anonymous

12/07/2022 03:50 PM

Skiing, hiking, camping, biking... there is more to do than can be done!

Anonymous

12/07/2022 03:57 PM

I'm disabled but having so much at my doorstep such as the paved paths genuinely helps me get out in the small ways I can and genuinely helps my physical health and mental health, I moved up here to move in with family and it's been the best thing for me.

Anonymous

12/07/2022 04:00 PM

Has near-by trails for hiking and snow shoeing.

Anonymous

12/07/2022 03:58 PM

Tourism sustains this county and a lot of those tourists come for outdoor recreation

Anonymous

12/07/2022 04:01 PM

Several options for several activities close by!

Anonymous

12/07/2022 04:31 PM

I am sure Clear Creek County's role is not solely as an outdoor recreation destination as this questionnaire implies. The importance of national historic and cultural resources in the county include the Georgetown-Silver Plume National Historic Landmark District and Hotel de Paris Museum, a Site of the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

Anonymous

12/07/2022 04:24 PM

I think Clear Creek County has bigger fish to fry, than trying to figure out how to spend their money on "improving" what mother nature does so well without help.

Anonymous

12/07/2022 04:11 PM

I live here so can take advantage of what is here on a moments notice

Anonymous

12/07/2022 04:14 PM

Brings in people to boost local businesses. Main negative is local access to parking and some riff raff

Anonymous

12/07/2022 04:14 PM

tourism revenue is vital to our financial sustainability.

Anonymous

12/07/2022 04:24 PM

When there's too many cars parked illegally along county roads, it puts everyone's life at risk in the event of an emergency.

Anonymous

12/07/2022 04:16 PM

Would prefer more outdoor things to do and easy access without driving

Anonymous

12/07/2022 04:23 PM

I'm retired from the Army after 36 years. I was born in raised in Colorado before entering the service. The recreation opportunities in CCC are a positive influence on mind and body.

Anonymous

12/07/2022 04:24 PM

I like living in the mountains and the wase of access to natural arras

Anonymous

12/07/2022 04:27 PM

Trespassing, careless drivers, trash, undue road pressure with lack of adequate maintance.

Anonymous

12/07/2022 04:50 PM

Keeps us healthy and fit. Creates a love for the community and the environment we live in. I love the rec center and their events along with the mountain biking, hiking and skiing. Gives the kids options to get out and play. Maybe more focus on the students that attend the schools and getting them involved in outdoor rec.

Anonymous

12/07/2022 04:47 PM

I live off in a far corner of the county, hikers, biker really don't impact my area.

Anonymous

12/07/2022 04:37 PM

Roadways are too busy and becoming unsafe and under maintained. Restaurants are over crowded and no longer enjoyable

Anonymous

12/07/2022 04:35 PM

The recreational options are the reasons why we moved here.

Anonymous

12/07/2022 04:42 PM

Good to bring in people to spend money on business. It becomes bad when there are not enough services such as toilets and trash cans and maintenance to keep the areas clean.

Anonymous

Easy access during the week, but traffic on I-70 on Friday during the

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12/07/2022 04:38 PM

ski season can be bad.

Anonymous

12/07/2022 04:42 PM

The types of outdoor recreation publicized isn't the types of recreation I enjoy.

Anonymous

12/07/2022 04:39 PM

It is nice to live so close to outdoor recreation locations.

Anonymous

12/07/2022 04:42 PM

I love this county, but it's going to be impossible to come back in the coming years with the ways people are forced out

Anonymous

12/07/2022 04:49 PM

There is always something to do, experience, learn, and see.

Anonymous

12/07/2022 04:57 PM

Convenience

Anonymous

12/07/2022 04:58 PM

Everything is centered around tourism, do something for the residents. We put up with the traffic and pay the property taxes but stay home or go out of County to get away from the tourists.

Anonymous

12/07/2022 05:06 PM

I feel it keep the ccc poluous active and healthy as well as bringing in visitor dollars to our county

Anonymous

12/07/2022 05:14 PM

I'm always searching for new places to walk my dog, hike, & enjoy the outdoors in the county.

Anonymous

12/07/2022 05:21 PM

It's nice and safer for all county residents to be able to stay in the county to recreate. The fewer trips on I70 the better for all.

Anonymous

12/07/2022 05:15 PM

If they thrived on it it would be more positive. Talk of trails for years. Blackhawk put you to shame with a amazing trail system out of nowhere.

Anonymous

12/07/2022 05:27 PM

`Adds to the local economy and services.

Anonymous

Refreshes my mind and improves my health

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12/07/2022 05:22 PM

Anonymous

It brings in too many people

12/07/2022 05:31 PM

Anonymous

Tired of rude, trashy, disrespectful tourists taking over everything.

12/07/2022 05:35 PM

Anonymous

I've heard county commissioner Wheelock quoted that we should avoid travel during peak periods. This infuriated me as a resident of clear creek. I deserve the freedom to enjoy the outdoors as much those driving through.

12/07/2022 05:36 PM

Anonymous

Clear Creek advertises for outdoor recreation but does not provide proper amenities and does not enforce laws of those that break them. Such as traffic violations and littering.

12/07/2022 05:52 PM

Anonymous

It is very important we continue to develop more safe and well maintained trails for biking and hiking. Also need to provide more access as populations increase in this area and around us.

12/07/2022 06:00 PM

Anonymous

You have to have a car to get to them

12/07/2022 06:00 PM

Anonymous

Traffic and city/out of state people trashing the beauty.

12/07/2022 06:04 PM

Anonymous

I love clear creek county but wish it had more to offer with outdoor rec.

12/07/2022 05:59 PM

Anonymous

We live up Fall River by the reservoir. It's awful! I'm all for people enjoying the outdoors. But there's no respect for the people that live there. It would be great to have rangers or the sheriff's department be more present

12/07/2022 06:11 PM

Anonymous

In our part of the county (Brook forest) you have let the uncontrolled or enforced air b and b regulations ruin our neighborhood with allowing people to buy what should be single family homes for people wanting to live and work in clear creek county and turning them into hotels with a new round of parties and vacationers every three days, leaving trash everywhere, which is also impacting the wildlife (bears)

12/07/2022 06:13 PM

into being bolder and more of a nuisance to the people that live here full time

Anonymous

12/07/2022 06:26 PM

Traffic is horrendous some days.

Anonymous

12/07/2022 06:30 PM

Access to outdoor recreation was a major, positive decision point when we moved to Clear Creek County.

Anonymous

12/07/2022 06:38 PM

This is such an outdoor community, there is always something enjoyable to do outdoors. There's so much wild beauty and great trails.

Anonymous

12/07/2022 06:45 PM

I can't enjoy where I live because of the excessive amount of tourists. They are ruining the environment and there is no oversight by the county. They park in no parking areas. Ride their side by sides up and down the streets and leave trash everywhere. I would like to see a reservation system for non residents like a ton of other areas in the state have implemented.

Anonymous

12/07/2022 06:46 PM

Speeding traffic on York Gulch Road by people going up to the 4 wheel trails.

Anonymous

12/07/2022 06:43 PM

I'm happy with the way things are and do not want anymore improvements

Anonymous

12/07/2022 06:44 PM

It brings tourism and revenue to the town and I get to enjoy the local parks and activities.

Anonymous

12/07/2022 07:02 PM

Moved to Clear Creek for the ability to live where I wanted to recreate

Anonymous

12/07/2022 07:17 PM

I70 is our main street and using it Friday thru Sunday requires planning.

Anonymous

12/07/2022 07:23 PM

Clear Creek County has a lot to offer and tourism is a great way to help the county fund projects and improve the life of residents.

Anonymous

12/07/2022 07:29 PM

It has always been an outdoor recreation area my whole life

Anonymous

12/07/2022 07:29 PM

I love it! It brings in all the right people! And helps local businesses.

Anonymous

12/07/2022 07:35 PM

Exercise and being outdoors is my main source of happiness

Anonymous

12/07/2022 07:38 PM

I moved here for the quality of lif this county has to offer. That's says it all.

Anonymous

12/07/2022 07:44 PM

I moved to Clear Creek specifically because of the proximity to Denver while also having plenty of opportunities to hike and see amazing wildlife like Moose, White-tailed Ptarmigan, and Brown-capped Rosy-Finch.

Anonymous

12/07/2022 07:42 PM

Increase in tourism will be hard to deal with daily.

Anonymous

12/07/2022 08:09 PM

OHV allowed in St Mary's Glacier area

Anonymous

12/07/2022 07:52 PM

I love outdoor recreation! The more oppourtunities, the happier I am! I also think it's great for bringing in tourism dollars and helping our local small businesses!

Anonymous

12/07/2022 08:02 PM

Trails are close to me and I love not having to waste my time just trying to get there.

Anonymous

12/07/2022 08:24 PM

Added traffic at our exit (I-70 and Floyd Hill) but also close access for us.

Anonymous

12/07/2022 08:25 PM

Our livelihoods are dependent on tourism

Anonymous

12/07/2022 09:11 PM

Allows my family to appreciate and access local outdoor opportunities. It negatively impacts us when others are drawn to the area without knowledge or respect for wilderness preservation/leave no trace

Anonymous

12/07/2022 09:29 PM

It's nice that so many of our 4WD friends are willing to come to the county because we have so many popular trails. We not only like to stay close to home, but also like to share what our county has to offer.

Anonymous

12/07/2022 09:45 PM

Too many stupid people

Anonymous

12/07/2022 11:31 PM

Access to the outdoors

Anonymous

12/07/2022 11:44 PM

Locations and tourism to help pay the taxes we've lost during the mine closing and the law suits in this county

Anonymous

12/08/2022 01:24 AM

Having parks, concerts, hiking/biking trails, festivals, rafting enhance the personal value of living in Clear Creek County. Plus it brings in revenue from tourists.

Anonymous

12/08/2022 01:31 AM

The parking sucks. I work at TMK and people just throw trash in the parks and on the streets.

Anonymous

12/08/2022 04:33 AM

Sense of peace and positive for our mental health. Opportunity to step away from our very busy lives

Anonymous

12/08/2022 05:31 AM

I like the same access to trails that everyone can enjoy. However we have had several atvs have accidents in our yard over the years from driving too fast on stretches of road where are use is prohibited.

Anonymous

12/08/2022 05:51 AM

They keep closing trails so we find ourselves going to route county or gunnison and other counties where they are opening new dirtbike trails every month. We have not opened anything up for decades, in fact clear creek is only closing anything that might be fun.

Anonymous

12/08/2022 06:37 AM

I live in Empire and walk Bard Creek road south of town more days than not. The minimal amount of vehicle traffic on this old dirt road makes it an ideal area to walk, meditate, socialize with the other walkers, meditate, and refresh my spirits. I'm actively interested in nature observation and tracking, so my walks always involve these activities year around. Only having to walk a couple of blocks to be

out in that environment is a true blessing ... quick and easy access ... and on my way home I can carry my refreshed self right back home without car rides. It seems to me that a car ride after a nature walk robs me of much of the inner peace a walk usually generates. So to me this is a significant enhancement to every walk I take. So as to how all this affects my quality of life: walking Bard Cr. road is a huge benefit to my quality of life in several significant ways. - I get exercise outdoors in fresh clean air - I often socialize with other Empire residents who walk the road. It's pretty darn pleasant to just stop and chat with someone right there in the middle of the road (low traffic) - I get to regularly observe and drink in the peace that comes from immersion in nature - I get many chances to photograph the natural beauty from the familiar perspective of one who regularly interacts with it - I have become more a part of the natural community in the area through interacting with its members (you're walking a trail and notice a bird drinking from a puddle up ahead ... what happens if you stop, before you have pushed that bird away from its water, and stay still and quiet while. observing everything but the bird, until it finishes drinking and flies on its way? What happens if this becomes a habit?)

Anonymous

12/08/2022 05:50 AM

I picked neutral because it positively affects my family due to recreation being right outside our door. It negatively affects by the number of people that fly up and down our roads in summer. I have a three year old, so we will typically not recreate on the weekends due to the sheer number of people that pack the trails. (St. Mary's Glacier - the Loch side)

Anonymous

12/08/2022 05:44 AM

Too many people driving too many cars to get here.

Anonymous

12/08/2022 05:49 AM

We moved to the area for affordability and trails specifically. Help out in the towns more.

Anonymous

12/08/2022 05:56 AM

Denver city people come here pee in the streets of Idaho springs, litter and trespass on my property all too much because of lax policies by Idaho springs and clear creek county.

Anonymous

12/08/2022 06:11 AM

The only way I can find peace when the county I live can only shoot kids!

Anonymous

12/08/2022 06:37 AM

Increased traffic, litter, noise, fire danger, destruction of natural resources

Anonymous

12/08/2022 06:36 AM

Nothing beats the mountain views and fresh air.

Anonymous

12/08/2022 06:59 AM

Too many people. Hard to find places to go where I won't run in to anyone. Not the county's fault of course.

Anonymous

12/08/2022 07:12 AM

I am 10 minutes away from Loveland Ski area where I teach skiing

Anonymous

12/08/2022 07:21 AM

Provides plenty of opportunities to enjoy any outdoor activity. Bonus for Airbnb/tourism.

Anonymous

12/08/2022 07:31 AM

I like the interpretive signs and trail maintenance

Anonymous

12/08/2022 07:45 AM

Helps tax base

Anonymous

12/08/2022 08:25 AM

Traffic noise and pollution as well as invasion of our private spaces.

Anonymous

12/08/2022 08:55 AM

The reason we live here is for the use of the outdoors

Anonymous

12/08/2022 11:16 AM

Reckless invaders capable of who knows what joyriding around everywhere giving a queasy feeling seeing strangers in one's space.

Anonymous

12/08/2022 11:29 AM

It creates more traffic and parking which negatively impacts the quality of life here. Some type of permit system or limits would be helpful so those of us who here can also enjoy the area without being overrun by people. It would also be helpful to have some limits so we can at least get around in the weekend

Anonymous

12/08/2022 11:52 AM

It is nice to have so many options at hand

Anonymous

12/08/2022 12:03 PM

The reason for me being in Idaho springs clear Creek county it's just healthier living.

Anonymous  
12/08/2022 12:12 PM  
Depending on the day of the week. Traffic is heavy. Wait times at Restaurants and Coffee shops. Not enough Parking

Anonymous  
12/08/2022 12:45 PM  
Love to have the outdoor focus and options here as a resident

Anonymous  
12/08/2022 01:24 PM  
I love living in Clear Creek County for its accessibility to outdoor living.

Anonymous  
12/08/2022 02:22 PM  
Too much keeping up with the jones vibe. Hate the street posts in GT. Not historic. Pave paradise. Put up a parking lot. Hoa dues are next.

Anonymous  
12/08/2022 02:43 PM  
No thoughts

Anonymous  
12/08/2022 03:11 PM  
My reasons on the previous question are important here as well. Living on one of the well travelled roads in the county affects not only my breathing from auto fumes but the hesitation to walk because the autos very often do not follow speed limit signs. We are constantly picking up trash that people have thrown from their cars.

Anonymous  
12/08/2022 02:56 PM  
Easy access to mountain recreation

Anonymous  
12/08/2022 03:08 PM  
OHV and other motorized backcountry traffic degrades the trails and generates distracting noise.

Anonymous  
12/08/2022 03:23 PM  
Keep improving options. Make CCC better known for outdoor activities

Anonymous  
12/08/2022 03:33 PM  
too busy on 4x4 trails to enjoy outdoor activities in my own community.

Anonymous  
12/08/2022 03:43 PM  
I am outdoors 3-5 times a week, on trails

Anonymous  
12/08/2022 04:06 PM  
No police control

Anonymous  
12/08/2022 04:55 PM  
Easy access to recreational activities allows for a healthier lifestyle

Anonymous  
12/08/2022 06:31 PM  
I personally benefit from outdoor rec in CCC.

Anonymous  
12/08/2022 07:41 PM  
Recreation is very important to me and public lands are crucial to outdoor recreation.

Anonymous  
12/08/2022 07:05 PM  
I live here and love having so much wonderful open space (from the county, national forest, City of Denver) nearby.

Anonymous  
12/08/2022 07:09 PM  
Crazy amount of traffic

Anonymous  
12/08/2022 07:37 PM  
I spend a great deal of time in the back country, traveling forest service routes and climbing various peaks as well as hunting and fishing the area.

Anonymous  
12/08/2022 10:05 PM  
It is the primary reason we choose to live here. We love being in the mountains, but close enough to the city.

Anonymous  
12/08/2022 09:35 PM  
Too many people during busy times

Anonymous  
12/09/2022 04:12 AM  
That is why we moved here. To recreate outside.

Anonymous  
12/09/2022 05:03 AM  
It is difficult to just make a left hand turn out of my driveway on busy days. My family sometimes get trapped at home when so many others come here to play.

Anonymous  
12/09/2022 06:54 AM  
The trails provide us a safe area to enjoy nature and spend quality time with my family. Thank you.

Anonymous  
12/09/2022 06:43 AM  
On weekends, all the people from Denver, going to the glacier hike, affects me and my ability to move around where I live, and to enjoy the outdoors without numerous people



Anonymous

12/09/2022 07:11 AM

Recreation is very important for us. Without it we would move.

Anonymous

12/09/2022 07:07 AM

Moved here from Westminster recently because my husband and I love it and wanted closer access to the outdoors

Anonymous

12/09/2022 07:08 AM

Great all around way to experience the outdoors and it's just outside our door

Anonymous

12/09/2022 07:43 AM

People parking and being disrespectful to land without consequences. Crowds

Anonymous

12/09/2022 08:00 AM

Their amenities

Anonymous

12/09/2022 08:59 AM

I dream of a few pickle ball courts by the new skate park! Pickle ball is all the rage, and it would be great to benefit from that. Tournaments and expos could be a lucrative way to get more out of town tax dollars spent in Clear Creek County. Both of these could be held on week days when our local business owners could really use more foot traffic because many pickle ball players are retired.

Anonymous

12/09/2022 09:38 AM

I backcountry ski and mtb a lot

Anonymous

12/09/2022 10:35 AM

There are too many visitors that do not have an outdoor ethic. What I like to say is that "They don't know how to act outside". Trash, toilet paper, people whacking down trees, fire rings anywhere and everywhere. Big tire vehicles driving off road and tearing up the countryside. Too many (not all) have no respect for the fact that they aren't the only ones coming up here, and proceed to trash the place.

Anonymous

12/09/2022 10:44 AM

It really doesn't effect my life. There are occasional inconvenience's on Hwy 103 with sight seeing and bicycling traffic, but that inconvenience is minor.

Anonymous

12/09/2022 10:48 AM

I live near CC hiking trails so it's easy to take advantage of these resources.

Anonymous

12/09/2022 02:38 PM

Brings in too many people who do not respect or know how to handle themselves on our open space lands or trails.

Anonymous

12/09/2022 03:01 PM

No enforcement over recreational vehicles on York Gulch

Anonymous

12/09/2022 03:44 PM

Obviously the counties location between metro Denver and mountains gives it's own advantage

Anonymous

12/09/2022 03:59 PM

Commercialization has resulted in overcrowding on most trails. As a longtime County resident, this negatively impacts my outdoor experience and quality of life.

Anonymous

12/09/2022 04:52 PM

We are constantly cleaning up after hikers and campers who leave behind a mess, reporting illegal campfires, and those who feel it their right to camp on private property. We need better enforcement of parking violations, support for volunteers who clean up the trash, and better response to those reporting illegal camping and campfires during fire bans.

Anonymous

12/09/2022 10:41 PM

Too many off road vehicles on our inadequately maintained street of North Main Street. Noise, dust.

Anonymous

12/10/2022 06:05 AM

I can easily recreate and decompress from work

Anonymous

12/10/2022 08:33 AM

It has a great positive impact on my life and the reason I live here. I live and work in Dumont next to the future greenway. I walk shelter dogs along a few different trails at least once a week year round and spend almost all my free time in the warmer weather on county off-road and hiking trails with my husband and friends. I love that we can drive less than a mile to our favorite trails. I know I'm not the only one who enjoys them since our friends will drive an hour or more to join us. We take pride in our trails and do our part to keep them clean. I pick up after our dogs and others who leave poop trash behind and my husband grabs beer cans and broken glass so the dogs don't step on it. I'm looking forward to the greenway but also interested to see how the community will adapt to it.

Anonymous

12/10/2022 10:25 AM

Other than the traffic on weekends?

Anonymous

12/10/2022 10:28 AM

Our proximity to so many people in the Denver area and DIA is overwhelming our resources

Anonymous

12/10/2022 02:56 PM

Promotes healthy lifestyle!

Anonymous

12/10/2022 02:54 PM

One of the reasons we're here in the summer

Anonymous

12/10/2022 03:18 PM

Providing trails for hiking and climbing spots

Anonymous

12/10/2022 03:56 PM

Hiking areas are endless

Anonymous

12/10/2022 05:20 PM

I would like to see more, on the other hand it's always a bear with traffic. I would rather see more draw for out door recreation though and be known for it, and just deal with the extra traffic.

Anonymous

12/10/2022 06:59 PM

Love hiking in the wilderness area

Anonymous

12/10/2022 08:36 PM

birds, deer, fox elk are all present in our environment. Keep this a safe place for them. It is a great joy. to watch and observe.

Anonymous

12/10/2022 10:32 PM

Allows me to hike in a beautiful area

Anonymous

12/11/2022 12:57 AM

This would be positive but too frequently access is closed, especially in the winter. We boast about recreational opportunities in Colorado only to have them closed

Anonymous

12/11/2022 07:21 AM

Access to the outdoors is very important to me. Increased mountain bike trails, especially on south facing terrain that doesn't get much snow in the winter would allow increased opportunities and increase my happiness.

Anonymous

12/11/2022 12:12 PM

For myself positively, sometimes I wonder about the number of people who come here

Anonymous

12/11/2022 01:41 PM

damned if you do or don't with a parking solution. If you deal with It, more will come the bursting influx of metro Denver immigrants makes for folks who need the high country to decompress. if you don't well that's economics and we need stable sustainable growth so if you make a new project, limit parking, limit horses, encourage signage for tread lightly, be respectful, watch for bear & lions, do not feed the wildlife, not been here long, maybe something about the goats, sheep and moose too?

Anonymous

12/11/2022 02:35 PM

Lots of trails nearby

Anonymous

12/11/2022 03:33 PM

CCC seems to want bicycles and nothing more.

Anonymous

12/11/2022 07:13 PM

Congestion on roads.

Anonymous

12/11/2022 08:26 PM

I get to have guests come and hike with me.

Anonymous

12/11/2022 09:26 PM

One negative impact is the weekend traffic

Anonymous

12/12/2022 08:32 AM

I actually live in CCC, those on the Front Range or outside CCC tend to not respect its beauty. As an example, before CCC cracked down on camping on Guanella Pass it was becoming undesirable to even drive the pass due to over crowding and trash.

Anonymous

12/12/2022 09:18 PM

Not a lot of great great trails

Anonymous

12/13/2022 10:46 AM

It creates an incentive to be more healthy.

Anonymous

12/13/2022 01:57 PM

Too many tourists clogging everything up. Too many people breaking laws riding ATV's on county roads, etc.

Anonymous

12/13/2022 03:48 PM

Great to play where one lives

Anonymous

12/13/2022 09:00 PM

Didn't think of it as an outdoor recreation destination

Anonymous

12/14/2022 09:37 AM

As I mentioned OHV parking seems to be a point of hesitation when it comes to where I like to ride. If I know I will have trouble parking and I'm not sure where to go I'm just going somewhere else.

Anonymous

12/14/2022 09:38 AM

CCC provides opportunities for people living in and along the I-70 corridor and in the Denver metro area. Like it or not you are the playground for the Denver area.

Anonymous

12/14/2022 11:08 AM

Do good with trails

Anonymous

12/14/2022 11:11 AM

Quiet places to walk in nature.

Anonymous

12/14/2022 11:50 AM

Close to front range to get out and explore.

Anonymous

12/14/2022 12:14 PM

It is close enough to Metro Denver that you can get up there for a day and there is so much to see and do and places to see in combination with outdoor activities.

Anonymous

12/14/2022 12:50 PM

As a Jeepster, the 4WD trails in Clear Creek County provide some of the best opportunities for motorized recreation close to Denver.

Anonymous

12/14/2022 01:02 PM

Having places to go that are not crowded allow me to unwind from stress during the week. Being on a trail that is like being in traffic adds to stress.

Anonymous

12/14/2022 01:20 PM

not safe to go in national forest due to illegal firearms. visitors to recreation destinations abuse, vandalize, and trash unsupervised areas

Anonymous

12/14/2022 01:30 PM

I get much of my stress relief recreating in Clear Creek. As a native from Idaho Springs and someone who spends a lot of time and energy not only recreating, but being a steward of the land, it is an important area to my family history. My children also spend a lot of

time in the outdoors of Clear Creek

Anonymous

12/14/2022 03:55 PM

I live here, and the more opportunities we have to get out and enjoy the county and meet new friends, the better.

Anonymous

12/14/2022 07:05 PM

I guide fly fishing and rock climb. i have all of this close at hand

Anonymous

12/15/2022 08:22 AM

Clear Creek offers some spectacular areas for OHV use and camping. My family and I are avid outdoor adventurers, and get out whenever we can. We especially love the Empire Loop/Red Elephant Hill areas, and Spring Creek Trail.

Anonymous

12/15/2022 09:18 AM

The more time spent outside, the better my mind, health, and attitude become.

Anonymous

12/15/2022 03:21 PM

It's a beautiful place to live

Anonymous

12/15/2022 04:03 PM

I live outdoor recreation It's why I live here and not denver

Anonymous

12/15/2022 06:57 PM

There's always something to do outside in every season without going to far

Anonymous

12/16/2022 05:17 AM

Adds quality to my family's life

Anonymous

12/16/2022 01:44 PM

Visiting tourist attractions are leaving trash, graffiti, and are not respecting the lack of proper signage at each recreation area. Clear Creek County needs to monitor & maintain the numerous areas that have already been developed for outdoor use. They closed Guanella Pass to car camping due the destruction, and overuse of these campsites that tourist abused while visiting Clear Creek County. They have no idea what the phrase "LEAVE NO TRACE" means, leaving trash, human waste, not properly extinguishing campfires after their departure. We live here, and watching the lack of respect of these VISITORS is EXHAUSTING. STOP THE EXPANSION OF MORE AREAS, UNTIL YOU CAN CONTROL WHAT IS ALREADY OPEN.

Anonymous

12/16/2022 12:52 PM

As an avid fly fisherman and fat tire mountain biker I really love this county. Grew up by St Mary's glacier when I was younger and had the most adventurous time being able to fish all the upper lakes. As time went through I have been all over the county mountain biking or hiking with my dog. The fact that we have a ski area several towns to play in and connecting trails everywhere make this perfect destination.

Anonymous

12/16/2022 03:11 PM

See above

Anonymous

12/16/2022 05:32 PM

When it comes to attracting tourists, it's a mixed experience. While the revenue generated is good for the county economy, more crowded recreation areas is not as enjoyable and I won't use rec areas at crowded times. When it comes to being a destination for locals, it's very positive for me. As someone with disabilities who works from home and loves the outdoors, it adds much to my life to be able to get out and enjoy the landscape the county offers. It's why I moved out of the city many, many years ago.

Anonymous

12/16/2022 09:38 PM

Nearby accessible locales

Anonymous

12/17/2022 12:38 AM

I want EVERYONE to have access to the outdoors, and it makes me happy to see people out recreating responsibly (which the vast majority do).

Anonymous

12/17/2022 07:30 AM

Don't think it will, unless some large project is undertaken that would draw from other areas.

Anonymous

12/17/2022 09:02 AM

It honestly does not, I take walks along my road and area! Yet Adding more recreational venues may not be what is best for Clear Creek County!

Anonymous

12/17/2022 12:09 PM

Clear Creek County has not formulated a plan to manage a "recreation destination" which caused overuse and abuse of a number of recreational sites.

Anonymous

12/17/2022 05:45 PM

We love walking and hiking everyday we are outside.

Anonymous

12/18/2022 07:34 AM

They help us enjoy the out doors and brings in lots of out of state visitors to boost our economy

Anonymous

12/18/2022 10:06 AM

I love all the hiking opportunities in Clear Creek, and I'm excited about all the projects underway-- expansion of Virginia Canyon Mountain Park, work on the Clear Creek Greenway, and plans for the ball fields in Idaho Springs.

Anonymous

12/18/2022 11:21 AM

Off roaders & day trippers camping on, cooking on, parking on, littering on roads inside mountain communities. More code enforcement without shooting people is the goal.

Anonymous

12/18/2022 04:13 PM

I love having options close to home

Anonymous

12/18/2022 05:41 PM

Traffic, however; that is I-70 and not really a county issue as much as CDOT.

Anonymous

12/18/2022 06:57 PM

I live close to some really great things to do outside, but traffic can be tough on the weekends.

Anonymous

12/18/2022 08:47 PM

Recreational UTV drivers driving very dangerously on roads to recreational areas. Way too fast for road conditions/visibility/narrow one lane roads. Recreational shooters firing weapons in unsafe manner without regard to area, background, or time of day/night. Leaving trash, burning fires in unsafe areas, driving off trail.

Anonymous

12/19/2022 09:09 AM

It keeps me motivated to be outside and have different activities to keep thing interesting. It also brings business to town to help keep IS growing and developing more amenities.

Anonymous

12/19/2022 09:56 AM

Enjoy access to the outdoors is very important to our family. We hope Clear Creek will continue to provide more trail access in the St Mary's area.

Anonymous

12/20/2022 07:57 AM

Close. Some still pristine.

Anonymous

Quicker (no traffic) access to outdoor recreation like backcountry

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12/20/2022 05:56 PM

skiing, biking, rock climbing, & hiking.

Anonymous

12/21/2022 04:39 AM

As far as enjoyment of area i live. Its hard to consider overly crowded places that are trashed and natural environment in surrounding clear creek being deatroyed more and more as a positive element. Im not an anti outdoor rec and tourism but their does need to be higher mandatory rules and expectations and steep fines to help preserve the areas we all live in and love, while still able.

Anonymous

12/21/2022 06:44 AM

I don't think it does. As long as outside people treat the land with respect and don't trash it.

Anonymous

12/21/2022 07:15 AM

Access to trails and national forest improves our local economy through tourism dollars, improves my quality of life by allowing for easy access to our natural resources, and when not properly done, negatively impacts it by limiting access to only motorized uses and clogged roads at trail heads with trailers and cars, mostly on county roads.

Anonymous

12/21/2022 01:45 PM

Brings in Tourists=Money

Anonymous

12/22/2022 12:21 PM

The Jeep trails are wonderful, and we take advantage of them often, but it would be nice to have some more bike trails, along with better infrastructure for OHVs, like parking, air stations, trash dumpsters, etc. Also, a skatepark would be great for myself and the family, though it looks like that IS going to happen in Idaho Springs.

Anonymous

12/22/2022 08:34 PM

I do not like all the extra traffic and people that advertising our county has brought in. I like to connect with nature and it's hard to do when you have to compete with parking and trails are crowded. My favorite places are now popular and while I don't want to be a snob, I do miss the time when there we less people up here from others areas.

Anonymous

12/23/2022 12:48 AM

It's great to have access to great trails, etc but some draw a lot of people

Anonymous

12/23/2022 06:36 AM

Reduced parking available, crowded trails

Anonymous

12/23/2022 05:35 PM

Dust and danger from ATV

Anonymous

12/24/2022 03:38 PM

Why we are here for 32 years and stay.

Anonymous

12/25/2022 07:51 PM

Tourist traffic on roads, etc.

Anonymous

12/27/2022 12:56 PM

This is not an immediately straightforward answer: I don't really see CCC as a destination, outside of motorized recreation and maybe fishing. I am not a motorized recreator, but don't begrudge anyone there favored outlet. Unfortunately, however, since I'm nearby a motorized network, which I use for access or for my own hikes, I do witness quite a bit of trash leftover after weekends, and have seen quite a bit of dirty camping and fires even during fire bans. So in that sense, I do feel somewhat negatively affected. I also fish and many of the access points and river itself do have quite a bit of trash, which is frustrating. I feel as though non-motorized (despite some new ones) are still few and far between, and concentrated, or serve the front range (Floyd Hill for example) rather than the community (not intended as an anti front range comment but just an observation). I think that between Empire, Georgetown, and Dumont-Downieville, there is an opportunity for more non-motorized trails. And the existing county open spaces could be improved (I'm thinking of the creek access by Charlie's Place for example, that is not connected to the trail behind Charlie's Place, so you have to either try to cut through a very overgrown cut bank or cross over a barbed wire fence, or backtrack and go through Charlie's Place itself.)

Anonymous

12/30/2022 01:53 PM

Too many dogs off leash all the time no matter how many signs are posted or areas not appropriately posted and little or no enforcement. Too many people on county trails. Increased traffic of cars, people and lack of awareness of proper outdoor/trail manners!

Anonymous

12/31/2022 07:57 AM

TrAsh, bags of dog crap left behind. Learn from the past, Guenella Pass closure to pull off the road car camping due to overuse.

Anonymous

12/31/2022 05:28 PM

The area is geared towards tourists but leaves locals hanging in terms of pricing, housing, food options, overall quality of life

Anonymous

1/03/2023 05:55 PM

We live in Georgetown and the tourism brings people which also helps to bring on new businesses which makes our community more

fun and enjoyable to live in. We also enjoy having this recreation in our backyard.

Anonymous

1/03/2023 05:59 PM

Rude visitors, traffic congestion, haven't figured out grocery stores exist in Metro area.

Anonymous

1/03/2023 06:57 PM

Increased road and trail traffic.

Anonymous

1/03/2023 07:59 PM

Doesn't

Anonymous

1/03/2023 08:12 PM

Unsure

Anonymous

1/03/2023 08:32 PM

Love the area and lots of back country for skiing and snowshoeing

Anonymous

1/03/2023 09:37 PM

Fish close to home

Anonymous

1/03/2023 11:01 PM

I'm not looking for a Recreation Destination, I live here. I look for recreation that is available for locals, to enhance our community and way of life living here.

Anonymous

1/04/2023 12:29 AM

I love this community. I love being able to drive a short distance to hike, and the biking trails

Anonymous

1/04/2023 07:08 AM

So fortunate to be able to hike, walk on paths, ATV on trails and snow shoe in this beautiful county!

Anonymous

1/04/2023 08:34 AM

I can explain how it's lack of a role has effected my quality of life. Please see my last comment section as my answer is the same for this

Anonymous

1/04/2023 08:47 AM

(Negative) Nearby trailhead parking fills up and people illegally park in no parking areas. Trash left by users. (Positive) Access to nearby trails.

Anonymous

1/04/2023 08:47 AM

Beautiful nature and great area

Anonymous

1/04/2023 09:28 AM

This is where I have always lived. I am going to leave with my MONEY and tax dollars if you dont stop building!!!

Anonymous

1/04/2023 09:47 AM

Trespassing

Anonymous

1/04/2023 10:08 AM

Noisy dusty over-bearing traffic by ATV-UTVs and fire arms shooting

Anonymous

1/04/2023 10:55 AM

The towns and trails make me appreciate every single day i live here, and strive to make the place better than I found it

Anonymous

1/04/2023 10:58 AM

I don't feel the county plays any role at all. I just happen to live close to areas I can access easily

Anonymous

1/04/2023 11:54 AM

I have to stay active for health reasons

Anonymous

1/04/2023 12:43 PM

Too many people and tourists up and down 103 with crotch rockets, fast cars and unskilled drivers making it impossible for locals to enjoy peace and quiet or even going for a short Sunday drive is aggravating! We have all of the recreation we need throughout this state. Quit over populating our beautiful surroundings and untouched land in Clear Creek County. Nothing else needed but the peace and quiet we used to enjoy.

Anonymous

1/04/2023 01:24 PM

Brings in tons of people some do what ever they want shooting trees shooting in a fire ban leaving trash dogs off leash with too many people around

Anonymous

1/04/2023 02:56 PM

Beautiful!

Anonymous

1/04/2023 03:34 PM

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Anonymous

Allows me to get away from work and other obligations! Helps me feel

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1/04/2023 03:40 PM

ok

Anonymous

1/04/2023 04:22 PM

I love all the hiking in the area. I love that James peak wilderness is protected

Anonymous

1/04/2023 05:35 PM

More options for me to ride my bike and grab a lunch afterwards.

Anonymous

1/04/2023 06:52 PM

Enjoy close access to trails, skiing, fishing, rafting

Anonymous

1/04/2023 07:42 PM

Getting better at offering trails national forest access

Anonymous

1/05/2023 06:14 AM

Having outdoor recreation so close to home makes it so much easier to keep up with the things that I love.

Anonymous

1/05/2023 08:21 AM

Access to the beautiful natural surroundings.

Anonymous

1/05/2023 09:26 AM

Traffic, of course.

Anonymous

1/05/2023 05:13 PM

When everyone parks along FRR, it makes it difficult for first responders to access the glacier area

Anonymous

1/05/2023 06:12 PM

We have a home that we spend a lot of time both winter and summer snowshoeing, skiing, hiking and sharing with family.

Anonymous

1/06/2023 03:30 PM

Too many people. Parking is an issue.

Anonymous

1/06/2023 06:27 PM

Great opportunity but the increase in 4wd traffic is creating erosion and affecting the wildlife

Anonymous

Current role doesn't take into account people like me. Most of the

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1/07/2023 05:28 AM

world doesn't which is why I am neutral

Anonymous

1/07/2023 07:58 AM

As a destination, it would make it more crowded, more trash, and the peace and quiet that we all enjoy, would be impacted.

Anonymous

1/07/2023 03:59 PM

It's beautiful here, good for the soul.

Anonymous

1/07/2023 05:31 PM

Helps with keeping children busy in the summer

Anonymous

1/08/2023 08:45 AM

See previous comments. Some areas are so overcrowded by tourists, we can't even use our own space. Limit what can be done on the lands. Like no setting up multiple tents and having dozens of people sit around and BBQ.

Anonymous

1/08/2023 11:39 AM

Lived on Floyd Hill for 25+ years....traffic and road construction has become worse. This prevents getting out and doing activities more frequently.

Anonymous

1/08/2023 12:41 PM

The fact that we can't even get out of our driveways every weekend and holidays. Wish they would also go the speed limit that's posted

Anonymous

1/08/2023 07:05 PM

Time spent in natural surroundings improves my sense of balance to life.

Anonymous

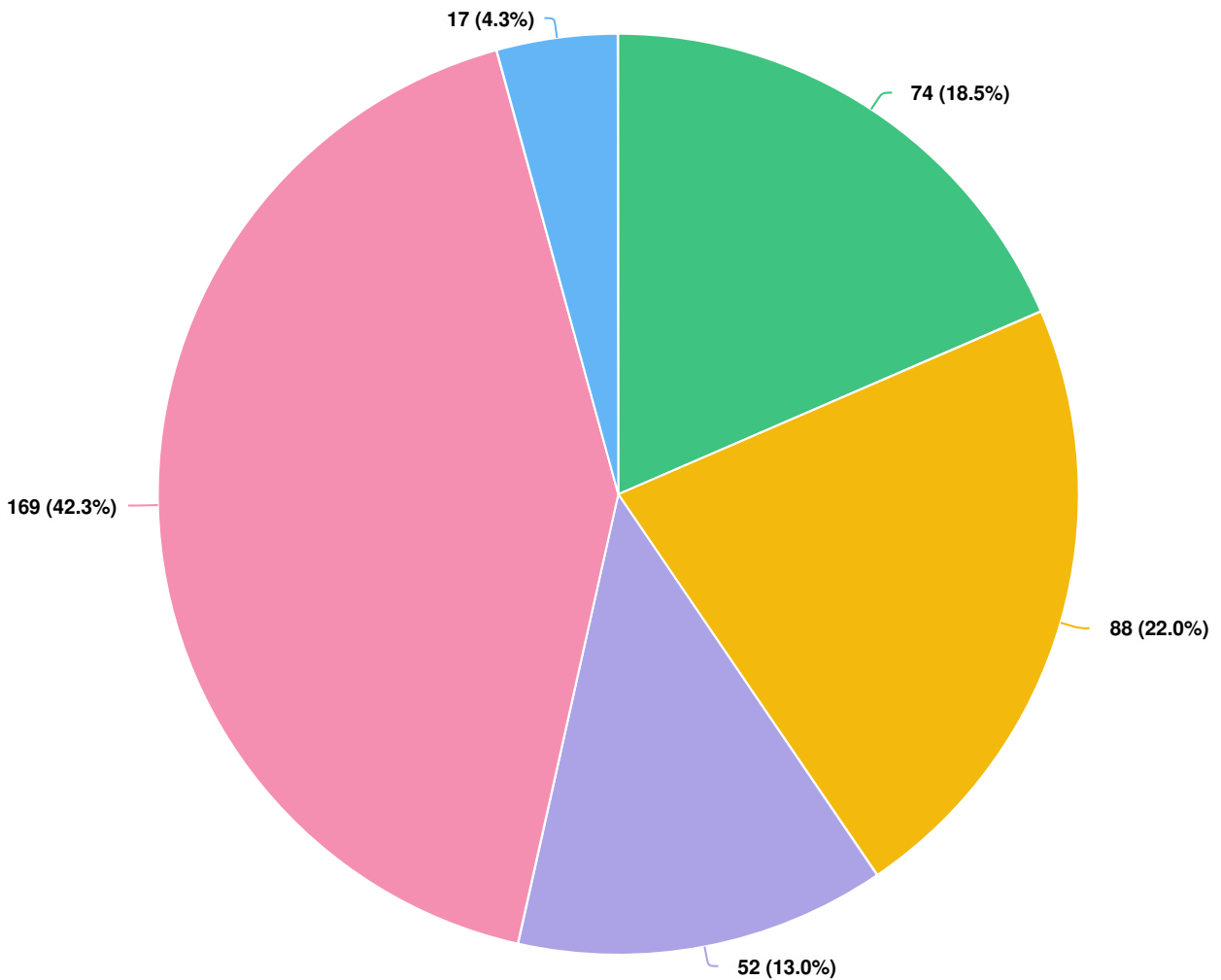
1/09/2023 06:58 PM

N/A

**Optional question** (300 response(s), 100 skipped)

**Question type:** Essay Question

**Q6** What is most needed for recreation in Clear Creek County?



**Question options**

- Additional recreational opportunities and amenities
- Enhanced management and/or quality of existing recreational opportunities and amenities to reduce conflict and resource degradation
- Enhanced protection/conservation of natural resources
- All of the above
- None of the above

Mandatory Question (400 response(s))  
Question type: Radio Button Question

**Q7 Please comment/elaborate (optional):**

Anonymous

12/06/2022 08:53 AM

We should expand the opportunities but carefully, not restricting to the "chosen few".

Anonymous

12/06/2022 01:43 PM

Human traffic has/is deteriorate our land, not sure how to fix that though, being humans are here to stay. :-)

Anonymous

12/06/2022 02:04 PM

No more trails...let's keep it wild.

Anonymous

12/06/2022 02:09 PM

It's getting pretty crowded here

Anonymous

12/06/2022 03:23 PM

Don't build it or promote it and they won't come

Anonymous

12/06/2022 06:02 PM

Too crowded, more opportunities would thin use. We need better parking.

Anonymous

12/07/2022 08:27 AM

As I mentioned earlier, it would be nice to have some sacred spots that are known by locals and not advertised to tourists. However, I do recognize that tourists are what bring in the dollars so it must be a balance of maintaining the spaces we share with them, when they often don't have the same level of respect for the land because they don't have to also live here. We also need to be aware of how quickly we can lose our natural resources if we seek growth over quality.

Anonymous

12/07/2022 07:54 AM

Floyd Hill & Maralynd Mountain trail complexes are great, would be nice if there were even more.

Anonymous

12/07/2022 08:05 AM

Enhanced Management is a priority 1 since we are already seeing use/overuse and maintenance issues on existing resources. Take care of and maintain what we have sustainably while improving and increasing opportunities.

Anonymous

12/07/2022 08:04 AM

More education for out of towners bringing their side by sides into the natl forest. Increased relationship with atv/utv rental locations, as to help them make their renters aware of rules of the trail, conservation



efforts, etc.

Anonymous

12/07/2022 10:39 AM

I think both enhanced management of existing AND enhanced protection.

Anonymous

12/07/2022 11:39 AM

Something needs to be done about how people treat the places they visit. Example, trash and dog poop bags (filled with poop) left on trails. Trash and fishing line and hooks ALL OVER Georgetown Lake.

Anonymous

12/07/2022 11:13 AM

It is inevitable with population growth that additional recreational opportunities and amenities will be needed, but just as (if not more) important will be a plan to manage that growth and increased use in a thoughtful manner consistent with a community that depends upon, and deservedly crows about, its natural resources and beauty.

Anonymous

12/07/2022 11:45 AM

I realize our county has amazing options for outdoor recreation. People are coming and using our lands. I believe # 2 is important, but there are entities addressing those issues. My absolute priority and focus is in enhancing protection and conservation of natural resources. Once they are gone, we don't get them back.

Anonymous

12/07/2022 12:08 PM

I support additional trails and places for off-road recreation. Signage would help others who aren't as familiar with the area

Anonymous

12/07/2022 01:59 PM

More educational signs and officers in recreational areas.

Anonymous

12/07/2022 02:31 PM

We must maintain and manage what we currently have vs adding additional opportunities

Anonymous

12/07/2022 03:28 PM

It's unfortunate that people can't be counted on to leave no trace and follow trail rules. I think increased management is necessary.

Anonymous

12/07/2022 03:52 PM

Need ambassadors or guides at trailheads parks . Reward people for picking up trash get certificates for Iscsl businesses for those who gather trash

Anonymous

12/07/2022 03:57 PM

Making things more "idiot proof" for the tourists will inevitably protect the dedicated nature spaces for the wildlife and protect the tourists at

the same time.

Anonymous

12/07/2022 04:31 PM

This questionnaire ignores passive recreation, such as heritage tourism. Our county possesses historic and cultural resources and this line of questioning implies a preference for outdoor amenities without a thought of these other valuable resources. Even the image at the beginning implies the desired results of the county. Try again.

Anonymous

12/07/2022 04:24 PM

Please refer to #5

Anonymous

12/07/2022 04:24 PM

It's a free for all on the weekends. Dog poop bags are everywhere. Illegal parking needs to be managed. More parking is needed.

Anonymous

12/07/2022 04:20 PM

We need a pricw on the center that people can afford. And more hours

Anonymous

12/07/2022 04:24 PM

I want more climbing, hiking, biking, skiing while taking care and preserving the natural surroundings

Anonymous

12/07/2022 04:50 PM

Protect what we have and build off of the successes.

Anonymous

12/07/2022 04:47 PM

More recreation degrades the area. Question 2 & 3 are both suggesting protecting the area.

Anonymous

12/07/2022 04:35 PM

Would be nice if registered off road vehicles could utilize county roads to access trails. Trailhead parking needs improvement.

Anonymous

12/07/2022 04:42 PM

More trails

Anonymous

12/07/2022 04:42 PM

GUIDE HOUSING

Anonymous

12/07/2022 04:49 PM

Clear Creek County has a great opportunity to enhance the area with parking, security in public areas, notification of events and encourage the travelers to linger a bit longer to support the cities.

Anonymous

12/07/2022 04:57 PM

I think spending our revenues on our existing resources is a better plan so that they are adequately maintained and enjoyed

Anonymous

12/07/2022 05:14 PM

A designated Dog Park would benefit a large need, for both locals & tourists. Parks are essential for a healthy town.

Anonymous

12/07/2022 05:35 PM

HEAVY FINES FOR LITTERING!! Real ENFORCEMENT!!!!

Anonymous

12/07/2022 06:00 PM

Clean up the creek too! Every year it's the raft guides that clear debris out of the river and it seems the state county does not care about cleaning up the riverside also limiting raft companies from doing a much needed tourism service. The horseshoe pits in idaho springs town park was a deliberate move to keep rafters out of a much needed river access point. Need to put more resources towards Whitewater development and not limiting it as it is one of the main sources of income and spending by tourists in the summer months.

Anonymous

12/07/2022 06:00 PM

In Brook Forest Estates, we are a county afterthought. We pay taxes for little to no benefits.

Anonymous

12/07/2022 06:04 PM

Traffic decongestion.

Anonymous

12/07/2022 06:41 PM

Monitor existing operations, permit enforcement, protection of undeveloped public property for future generations.

Anonymous

12/07/2022 06:38 PM

We really should get more gyms.

Anonymous

12/07/2022 06:46 PM

Better roads and better signs. Also enforcement of speed limits

Anonymous

12/07/2022 07:17 PM

Enhanced management is my highest priority

Anonymous

12/07/2022 07:35 PM

A place to swim in the summer and a skatepark

Anonymous

More and more visitors will come here so it will take

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12/07/2022 07:38 PM

time/money/planning to prepare for them

Anonymous

12/07/2022 07:44 PM

More public restrooms, parking, and accessibility to trailheads.

Anonymous

12/07/2022 08:09 PM

OHV and hiking trails in St Mary's Glacier area (and throughout CC county rec areas) really need more visitor information that's consistent with other Colorado counties including signage, parking / no parking, directional, Also trailhead structures with map of trails, distance, rules, difficulty, and bathroom facilities.

Anonymous

12/07/2022 07:52 PM

Additional hiking trails & mountain biking trails close to town would be great! I would also love bike path connecting the towns in Clear Creek County.

Anonymous

12/07/2022 08:02 PM

It is nice to have several options.

Anonymous

12/07/2022 08:32 PM

Existing trails and historic roads need more maintenance. As a particular example, the 7:30 Mine Road above Silver Plume has severely degraded in the past several years, primarily as a result of erosion. The 150+ year old stone retaining walls have collapsed in some locations and need to be restacked. It is critical that they are restacked in the original no-mortar manner to preserve the history of this location. Other parts of the road relied on timber cribbing, which is on it's last legs after over a century of harsh weather. Some parts have already collapsed, while others are ready to. Cribbed areas need to be re-cribbed. Much like the stone retaining walls, it is critically important to do it in the same manner and fashion as the original, so as to preserve the historic nature for the next 150 years.

Anonymous

12/07/2022 09:29 PM

See previous comments.

Anonymous

12/07/2022 09:45 PM

Stop making Clear Creek County Denver's playground!

Anonymous

12/07/2022 11:31 PM

Need better direction to and access to outdoor activities

Anonymous

12/08/2022 01:24 AM

Need volunteers to pick up trash. Perhaps an advertising campaign to emphasize need to pack in/pack out to maintain the beauty of nature.

Also, to strengthen respect for fire bans.

Anonymous

12/08/2022 04:33 AM

Bike trails

Anonymous

12/08/2022 05:15 AM

Leave it alone.

Anonymous

12/08/2022 05:31 AM

Many of our neighbors have had run-ins with campers using fire, or shooting off guns in residential areas,, during fire bans. It should not be on private citizens to confront these campers sometimes daily in summer months. Campers are often belligerent and a few pose a risk to the entire area if they start a forest fire. There could be water cisterns and bi lingual instructions on safe practices near popular camping areas.

Anonymous

12/08/2022 05:51 AM

Quit closing trails!!!

Anonymous

12/08/2022 06:37 AM

In question 6 my preferred answer would be choices two and three. Take a look at the Adirondack Park Agency ... they have gone a very long way towards management of a specific natural area.

Anonymous

12/08/2022 05:50 AM

I don't think there's any way to minimize the number of people in the area, but the number of people that visit Loch or St. Mary's leads to fire safety issues, inability to enjoy where we live or even go into town on the weekend. People park all along the roads to visit the National Forrest areas we have, but it seems like the proper road maintenance to maintain the sheer number of cars visiting Loch Lomond ends about a mile before that major tourist destination/trail head. People tear up our roads, get stuck on the trails in winter because they just rented their first Jeep... we need better assistance in St. Mary's to handle the number of visitors to our area.

Anonymous

12/08/2022 05:44 AM

Just leave the wilderness alone. Don't stop people from using it, but stop promoting it and making it easier to get to.

Anonymous

12/08/2022 05:49 AM

The lake around Georgetown is so pretty when no one is there. Make trails on car side and fishing areas more restricted. Tend to old structures & signage. Make trails safer.

Anonymous

12/08/2022 06:11 AM

The county needs to be less corrupt then I can enjoy going outdoors again!

Anonymous

12/08/2022 06:37 AM

More Forest Service and law enforcement presence, manage/control dispersed camping or eliminate it around residential areas, additional enforcement and rehabilitation of illegal offroad trails.

Anonymous

12/08/2022 06:36 AM

See previous comment about inconsiderate visitors

Anonymous

12/08/2022 07:21 AM

Better connected bike paths.

Anonymous

12/08/2022 08:10 AM

New land owners are not taking care of what they have.

Anonymous

12/08/2022 11:16 AM

A residential like York Gulch should not an access for motorized destruction and recklessness.

Anonymous

12/08/2022 11:29 AM

Our outdoor recreation areas are being loved to death. So many people and so much traffic are ruining the beautiful place we call home

Anonymous

12/08/2022 11:41 AM

more trails and development of new trails either through partnerships with USDA or CDOT, and/or trail easements with private property entities.

Anonymous

12/08/2022 12:03 PM

How do you feel about a community that's worried about having more dispensaries than it does schools

Anonymous

12/08/2022 12:12 PM

Skills Bike Park, Skate Park, Winter Nordic Trails, for Cross country Skiing and Winter Fat Biking. Pond Ice Rinks for Ice Skating

Anonymous

12/08/2022 01:24 PM

While I dont skateboard anymore, I think a skate park would be great for the youth of our county.

Anonymous

12/08/2022 02:22 PM

Stop "upgrading" the earth. For pavement.

Anonymous

12/08/2022 02:43 PM

no thoughts

Anonymous

12/08/2022 03:11 PM

let's include in any tourism plan a way to protect the resources and save the earth for future generations!

Anonymous

12/08/2022 02:56 PM

Only two camp grounds on the pass

Anonymous

12/08/2022 03:08 PM

Preservation of wildlife habitat and low impact hiking experiences should be priority goals.

Anonymous

12/08/2022 03:23 PM

Need to properly maintain what exists and improve

Anonymous

12/08/2022 04:55 PM

Not allowing activities that are detrimental to the land for example a motorized bike park or snow machines. It disturbs the wildlife and changes the eco system. Conservation is critical .

Anonymous

12/08/2022 07:05 PM

Outdoor and recreation opportunities aren't my top concern in the county. The status quo on that front is very good. Road maintenance and fire mitigation, for example, are related to the outdoor experience and are higher priorities at the moment.

Anonymous

12/08/2022 07:37 PM

There are plenty of routes, just need a place to park my tow rig some days when friends come from afar to join me.

Anonymous

12/08/2022 10:05 PM

Proud of the way clear creek had made strides to increase and improve specifically mtb trails in the area. Floyd hill is a great step in the right direction.

Anonymous

12/08/2022 09:35 PM

Don't think we need more opportunity. Plenty already exist

Anonymous

12/09/2022 06:54 AM

Of course we want it all, but most of all continue to keep what we have clean and kept up. Enhance our experience with nature by decreased road noise, add sound barriers on I-70. When outside on a hike or using the wonderful paths in town it sounds like a speedway. We want to enjoy nature not feel as if we are part of Daytona Speedway. This enhances our experience with nature and provides

an actual relaxing experience. I'd imagine many creatures in nature don't enjoy these sounds either.

Anonymous

12/09/2022 07:08 AM

Skate park, soccer fields, full service bike shop

Anonymous

12/09/2022 07:43 AM

Volume control and supervision

Anonymous

12/09/2022 10:35 AM

We live in a beautiful place here in Clear Creek County. People all over the front range are learning this now. I am proud to welcome visitors that respect the land. More involvement and enforcement by the Forest Service would be helpful. Since Covid they seem to have disappeared.

Anonymous

12/09/2022 10:44 AM

By enhancing existing recreational opportunities in Clear Creek County, many people will get off of I-70 to avoid traffic and recreate in Clear Creek County if the opportunities available and we'll maintained.

Anonymous

12/09/2022 03:44 PM

Obviously building trails is of high importance but equally is maintaining them

Anonymous

12/09/2022 03:59 PM

"Live Wild" is NOT the message we need to share with visitors! Can't tell you how many abandoned camp fires I've put out in the last few years.

Anonymous

12/09/2022 04:52 PM

Enough with the shooting much too close to homes and people enjoying the forest lands.

Anonymous

12/10/2022 06:05 AM

None

Anonymous

12/10/2022 08:33 AM

I believe we have a good balance of preservation and open use. And I would certainly want staff to dedicate their focus on the major projects going on now and giving them their full attention rather than starting any new ones. I don't know of the smaller projects that may be going on, but the changes at the shooting range on Stanley and the Greenway will be more than enough to keep staff busy managing and working closely with the public.



Anonymous

12/10/2022 10:28 AM

I would have chosen the latter two, but not all 3

Anonymous

12/10/2022 03:07 PM

Need to strike a balance between conservation and tourism. The county needs revenue. We don't want to degrade our home, but the focus can't be entirely on conservation.

Anonymous

12/10/2022 05:20 PM

I think the new bike trail and bridges are a great start to creating a network of biking, climbing, rafting access

Anonymous

12/11/2022 12:57 AM

The second and third option above is what I am referring to. Clear Creek boasts about recreational opportunities but these opportunities are frequently closed to "enhance protection/conservation" and ". . . reduce conflict and resource degradation." One day, we will only be able to experience recreational opportunities "virtually." We have wonderful recreational opportunities in Clear Creek County - we can't use them, but we have them - why?

Anonymous

12/11/2022 07:21 AM

More mountain bike trails

Anonymous

12/11/2022 12:12 PM

I think people might come here for the natural opportunities offered and not more programs or more oversight

Anonymous

12/11/2022 01:41 PM

see question 5. Best of Luck, Kudos to you for reaching out. FB has a lot of drama queens who thrive online. didn't see any general mail box questionnaire delivered to me. You've basically excluded the elderly in our community who are also affected by anything you consider. With all things comes an effect. example EV - read this if you have time: The dirty road to clean energy: how China's electric vehicle boom is ravaging the environment <https://restofworld.org/2022/indonesia-china-ev-nickel/?utm-source=sharing> cause and effect. You DO NOT KNOW NOT THE EFFECT of your attempts to make things better. no one talks about the negative besides, the obvious, coal powers most power plants on the globe. How about we just recycle old cars, not constantly make new ones?How about we implement workable transportation solutions to bring people into the county?

Anonymous

12/11/2022 03:33 PM

Charge fees for bikes on Floyd Hill, day pass and also yearly for the use of the trail. Why is this free?

Anonymous

12/12/2022 08:32 AM

Enhancement of more control within the designated recreational areas. With the WWW and APS people can easily find areas to recreate. It's the monitoring of these areas that is lacking.

Anonymous

12/13/2022 07:02 AM

Increasing education to promote accountability, responsibility, and ownership for recreational assets.

Anonymous

12/13/2022 10:46 AM

As said before, pickleball courts would be great.

Anonymous

12/13/2022 01:57 PM

Please enforce laws. Please require USFS to enforce laws

Anonymous

12/14/2022 09:37 AM

As a mutli recreationist I know everyone can get along just fine but I think making it clear on where people can recreate and what type of rec is allowed is specific areas through good signage and working with local partners is very important.

Anonymous

12/14/2022 11:11 AM

Continue to keep open lands open.

Anonymous

12/14/2022 12:14 PM

I think working to eliminate user groups conflicts would be a good start. More trails and parking areas. With the hikers, mountain bikers and OHV folks all using the same trail heads and parking areas, there just isn't enough room for all.

Anonymous

12/14/2022 12:50 PM

Forest Service travel management plans have caused a significant loss of motorized recreation opportunities through route closures. New routes need to be opened or old routes re-opened to restore previously existing connections between trail systems and provide better loop opportunities.

Anonymous

12/14/2022 01:02 PM

Most users take care of the areas they use. The issue is more areas are needed so the trails aren't over crowded. Regularly trails are closed which cause overcrowding on other trails and then the Forest Service says the trails can't stand the extra impact. But they caused the issue in the first place.

Anonymous

we have existing recreation locations that need to provide quality

12/14/2022 01:20 PM

outdoor recreation experiences. The key is to figure how to make management of those spaces financially feasible.

Anonymous

12/14/2022 01:30 PM

As I said... LEO needs to step up. I have been volunteering for many years and there are so many issues that go without fixing.

Anonymous

12/14/2022 01:53 PM

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Anonymous

12/14/2022 07:05 PM

Its fine the way it is. Don't place more rules and restrictions

Anonymous

12/15/2022 08:22 AM

I feel that protection and maintenance of existing use areas is more important than developing new areas in the current economic climate. I work for the City of Colorado Spring Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services, and our focus over the next couple of years will be on maintaining existing recreation facilities, rather than last years of more development.

Anonymous

12/15/2022 06:57 PM

More trails for MTBs, maybe even fat bike trail grooming

Anonymous

12/16/2022 01:44 PM

Slow down with this whole expansion Idea!!!!

Anonymous

12/17/2022 12:38 AM

Protect what we've got by enforcing regulations on trail cutting, fires, trash, etc.... That will protect both the environment and our ability to enjoy the outdoors for recreation.

Anonymous

12/17/2022 07:30 AM

Whatever happens, commitment to sustainment and maintenance are keys to continued success

Anonymous

12/17/2022 09:02 AM

As stated there is too much trash left behind on trails and places--- such as Mt Blue Sky and the Wilderness Area near to Upper Bear Creek Rd.

Anonymous

12/17/2022 12:09 PM

Would check 2 and 3. Certainly not 1

Anonymous

Keep existing areas clean and provide more opportunities for hikers.

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12/17/2022 05:45 PM

Anonymous

12/18/2022 11:21 AM

Protection and conservation means closing and restricting access, that has been done to much already.

Anonymous

12/18/2022 05:41 PM

Support businesses and recreational areas. Events, advertisement, PSAs, etc...

Anonymous

12/18/2022 08:47 PM

Areas are being overused and misused resulting in permanent damage and dangerous conditions.

Anonymous

12/18/2022 09:58 PM

More skateparks!

Anonymous

12/20/2022 05:56 PM

So many trails in CL Crk but hard to tell where trainheads are or if private land or public. Fire lookout has so much recreation but the shooting range is on the mixed use recreation trails creating huge safety concerns.

Anonymous

12/21/2022 04:39 AM

I would have chosen both 2nd and 3rd option here and for same aforementioned reasons.

Anonymous

12/21/2022 06:44 AM

Overall respectful use of land that offers recreational activities is good.

Anonymous

12/21/2022 07:15 AM

Clear creak could lead the state in offering bike paths, hiking and non-motorized access to the bountiful national forest lands, but access is currently too difficult. Adding this low carbon / environmental impact access will boos out local economy tremendously as we attract more out of county visitors to spend money in clear creak after a rigorous day of hiking and biking.

Anonymous

12/21/2022 01:45 PM

Keep things beautiful.

Anonymous

12/22/2022 12:21 PM

Conflict reduction should be a priority, especially in Empire, up North Empire and Bard Creek.

Anonymous

I think protecting our wild areas are very important, not just the

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12/22/2022 08:34 PM

landscape but the animals who live here. This is their home too. I would also like to see better management of the existing recreational areas before any new plans are made. If the county cannot properly maintain the existing areas for recreation, it would be unwise to open up other areas to the public or advertise the areas which would further add to the existing problems that have not been resolved.

Anonymous

12/23/2022 06:36 AM

I understand the need for additional sales revenue from visiting users, but perhaps a local users discount at partner businesses or local use only days

Anonymous

12/24/2022 03:38 PM

Fire, trash, ohv, enforcement

Anonymous

12/27/2022 12:56 PM

I think my answer to #5 addresses this. I think some existing county open spaces could be better cared for/maintained. I think there is opportunity for more recreation outlets, like xc skiing, hiking, and biking. And certainly Clear Creek itself, and some of the less patrolled backcountry roads/4x4 trails, could be conserved/protected or simply cleaned' better as well. I worry about forest fires in the back country, and I worry about the Creek, which is among the heaviest used rivers in the country, but also has to contend with runoff from I70.

Anonymous

12/30/2022 01:53 PM

Responsible, educational advertising NOT LIVE WILD!!!!

Anonymous

12/31/2022 05:28 PM

I love the rec center facilities but the quality of staff and offerings in terms of events, classes, and hours of operation leaves much to be desired

Anonymous

1/03/2023 05:55 PM

Please see my other answers on what I would add/enhance

Anonymous

1/03/2023 05:59 PM

Tourists seem unable to follow direction for parking, staying on trails, shooting and liter...

Anonymous

1/03/2023 08:12 PM

Can Clear Creek partner with EPRD to give its residents membership benefits at its rec centers? Those if us who live in the Evergreen side of the county are cut off from the county amenities.

Anonymous

1/03/2023 08:29 PM

River access

Anonymous

1/03/2023 11:01 PM

The county needs to consider the important need of city parks, walkways, & open space as integral when developing housing.

Anonymous

1/04/2023 12:29 AM

We are experiencing a huge surge of growth via visitors. We need to make sure they are not overrunning our resources and that the resources are being cared for.

Anonymous

1/04/2023 07:08 AM

Permit the small ski area near St Mary's Glacier to reopen as a close option to ski/board in the county.

Anonymous

1/04/2023 08:47 AM

Improvements to over crowded and overused recreational areas. There's also a need for additional trails

Anonymous

1/04/2023 08:47 AM

Designated parking spots and better enforcement of violators.

Anonymous

1/04/2023 09:47 AM

Parking, trespass and encroachment by Visitors

Anonymous

1/04/2023 10:08 AM

Noisy dusty over-bearing traffic by ATV-UTVs and fire arms shooting, and poorly managed trail heads with all the visitor traffic

Anonymous

1/04/2023 10:55 AM

Parking controls would be helpful

Anonymous

1/04/2023 12:43 PM

Keep our small communities small. Quit Californicating our Colorado that we grew up in and enjoy! We don't want PEOPLE invading our privacy and land - anymore than they already have.

Anonymous

1/04/2023 01:24 PM

Get people to PU trash no shooting in the forest

Anonymous

1/04/2023 03:34 PM

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Anonymous

More MTB trails!

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1/04/2023 03:40 PM

Anonymous

More trails for bikes only will alleviate multi-user conflict.

1/04/2023 05:35 PM

Anonymous

More trails will help maintain and bolster the County's reputation for a great place to get outside.

1/04/2023 05:40 PM

Anonymous

Not sure how out of state environmentalists have seemed to hijack or state! My family was born and raised here. You can be environmentally conscious and still provide many off road vehicle amenities. Seems our liberal state influence wants to destroy all opportunities.

1/04/2023 07:42 PM

Anonymous

Renovating what is already there and preserving nature are the best options.

1/05/2023 06:14 AM

Anonymous

Maybe get a skate park back for the younger folks

1/05/2023 05:13 PM

Anonymous

Love the St Mary's Community and friendly atmosphere

1/05/2023 07:45 PM

Anonymous

There are existing county laws for protection but no real enforcement.

1/06/2023 06:27 PM

Anonymous

Again access for EVERYONE is missing from this. If more people have access more people will frequent the area and spend money here

1/07/2023 05:28 AM

Anonymous

Having more outdoor shooting ranges would be nice. Better marketing/sponsorship of roadside cleanup opportunities would be good.

1/07/2023 03:59 PM

Anonymous

Our areas are sometimes completely overrun by tourists who don't care about leaving no trace. The amount of dog waste we see is unnerving. The trash left behind is heartbreaking. The abuse of the natural space must stop. Make it less appealing by charging to park. Those who truly respect the land will pay, knowing the funds go directly to maintenance. And this will leave space for the residents who live here and protect the beauty.

1/08/2023 08:45 AM

Anonymous

1/08/2023 12:41 PM

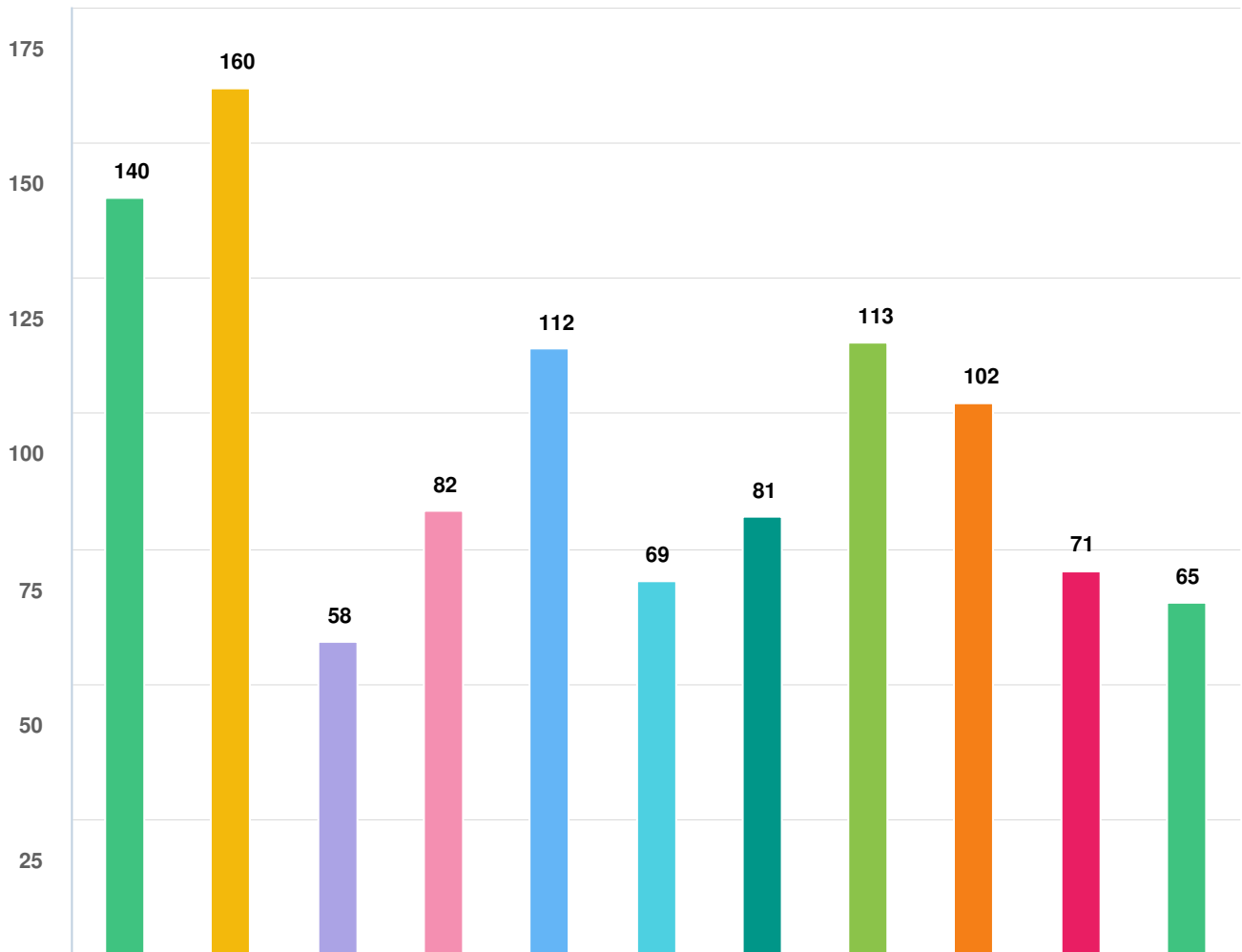
Individuals need to be held responsible for trashing the trails and rivers.

**Optional question** (164 response(s), 236 skipped)

**Question type:** Essay Question



**Q8 Which of the following outdoor recreation needs in the County are the highest priority for the Clear Creek County Recreation in Outdoors Management Plan? (Choose up to 3)**



**Question options**

- Limiting human impacts in fragile natural areas
- Addressing recreationist impacts on local neighborhoods, resident safety, and quality of life
- Reducing conflicts between recreational users on trails and at destinations
- Acquiring or conserving lands for the purpose of protecting natural resources and limiting recreational access
- Expanding recreation access through land acquisition and/or development of new recreational amenities on existing lands
- Making recreation more accessible to all with easy/beginner trails and facilities
- Creating opportunities for winter outdoor recreation
- Providing Clear Creek residents with access to trails and parks within walking and biking distance of where they live
- Improving the condition of existing trails and recreational amenities for quality and safety, for example through making existing popular trails and amenities more durable
- Developing a coordinated wayfinding signage, parking, and visitor information strategy
- Providing better connections to and between existing trail networks and recreation destinations

Mandatory Question (400 response(s))

Question type: Checkbox Question

**Q9** Please comment/elaborate (optional):

Anonymous

12/06/2022 01:43 PM

n/a

Anonymous

12/06/2022 02:42 PM

I wanted to click all of them.

Anonymous

12/06/2022 03:23 PM

Don't restrict access but don't make it easy or promote it

Anonymous

12/06/2022 06:02 PM

Parking must be addressed

Anonymous

12/07/2022 08:27 AM

Conservation is paramount. If we continue to expand at the current rate both residentially and commercially, there will be nothing left to "explore and enjoy" in a few decades.

Anonymous

12/07/2022 08:05 AM

Improving conditions and sustainably maintaining existing trails is priority 1. But, a higher % of visitors are beginners so as we expand trail opportunities I would like to see more beginner access and availability.

Anonymous

12/07/2022 10:39 AM

Cross country skiing would be great addition for locals, build mental health and clarity also reducing our carbon footprint to have to leave the county. Adding a permit process with the Forest service to limit the daily use on some major trails, maybe have a small fee- that can go towards trail "improvements"

Anonymous

12/07/2022 12:08 PM

As a neighbor of the Yankee hill area, I see people get lost and wander into the residential area. Off roaders don't want to do this. They also don't know where they can carry on without annoying residents who live there. As a result, residents what to shut down off roading or have sheriff's writing citations. Both of which I am against. I do notice that where there are signs, even illegal signs, people tend to obey them. The no OHV signs tend to keep the OHVs off of those roads

Anonymous

12/07/2022 12:21 PM

Trails to st Mary's glacier are seeming always trashy, can we fix what we have before making new things?

Anonymous

12/07/2022 03:17 PM

I'd actually prefer less trail signage which would hopefully deter some people from using them

Anonymous

12/07/2022 03:41 PM

Respect the natural resources and the residences

Anonymous

12/07/2022 04:31 PM

Change your paradigm about recreationist impacts and ENCOURAGE outdoor enthusiasts to frequent attractions, shops, galleries, breweries, bars, and restaurants. County visitors and residents should be invited to have additional interests. Hikers are hungry, thirsty, and interested in where they are recreating.

Anonymous

12/07/2022 04:24 PM

None of the above. There appears to be an agenda here that indicates the county commissioners are not truly interested in seeking the desire of their constituents but are rather seeking validation for their predetermined agenda.

Anonymous

12/07/2022 04:24 PM

We need more parking at trailheads. Trailer parking at OHV trailheads and regular parking at hiking trailheads. If that requires land purchases, so be it. Use a parking system like Idaho springs to pay for it.

Anonymous

12/07/2022 04:24 PM

Clear Creek County is awesome. Let's take care of where we live and enjoy our surroundings.

Anonymous

12/07/2022 04:50 PM

Rental e scooters would be really nice for in-town. I could do most of my chores and errands with an e scooter or bike. Shuttle bus from town to echo lake Or other points of high interest, to help with summer traffic? Visitors could park in town and then shuttle up to Mt Evans. I don't mind the tourists, and think that any conflict is arrogance or poor management but I live outside of city limits. I believe in town should be a beautiful, and busy/ thriving place to be with lots of choices for various activities. Thanks for what you all do and the recreation that is already available.

Anonymous

12/07/2022 04:42 PM

Not familiar with the Plan

Anonymous

Maybe some kind of fee for using the lakes in Georgetown to make

12/07/2022 04:49 PM

enough money to have a garbage collection on a regular schedule.

Anonymous

12/07/2022 05:21 PM

I believe a self administered Fee site should exist for Georgetown Lake. The trash around the lake is horrific. People who pay and have to write down their license plates are more likely to not litter or cause problems. Locals could be issued an annual pass perhaps

Anonymous

12/07/2022 05:22 PM

Establish work days open to all to clean up a space they choose to keep the environment clean!

Anonymous

12/07/2022 05:31 PM

And protecting our lands

Anonymous

12/07/2022 06:04 PM

If resources are needed for any, charge fees, not local taxpayers.

Anonymous

12/07/2022 06:26 PM

We need more parking!

Anonymous

12/07/2022 06:41 PM

Stop the expansion until the County improves the foundation for this expansion of tourism. Need to develop infrastructure concerns including lodging, parking, attractions.

Anonymous

12/07/2022 06:43 PM

Dog park?

Anonymous

12/07/2022 07:02 PM

More connecting trails/roads for OHV to get between all trailheads

Anonymous

12/07/2022 07:17 PM

Roundabout can Distribute parking pressure if it also served key recreation points on high demand days.

Anonymous

12/07/2022 07:23 PM

I love to see additional trailheads. Better maps of trails. But the best would be a dedicated bike & hike trail that would connect the entire county and into other counties.

Anonymous

12/07/2022 08:09 PM

Already provided in previous answers

Anonymous

12/07/2022 07:47 PM

A true back path from Georgetown to idaho springs

Anonymous

12/07/2022 08:10 PM

Would love love love to be able to go to trails from my home but there's a lot of private land and I'm scared to step on anyone's property..

Anonymous

12/07/2022 09:29 PM

See previous comments. Also would like to see more obvious signage/communication and enforcement of fire ban restrictions, especially with respect to firearm use, on both public and private property.

Anonymous

12/08/2022 01:24 AM

Some roads leading to trails and some trails need serious improvements and maintenance. Additional signage would be nice. Definitely need to preserve natural landscape for Big Horn Sheep and other wildlife. Proud of community and county efforts to preserve the Douglas Plateau in Empire and prevent it from becoming a strip mine.

Anonymous

12/08/2022 05:15 AM

Leave it alone

Anonymous

12/08/2022 05:51 AM

Quit closing dirtbike trails

Anonymous

12/08/2022 06:37 AM

The way I see things the county can benefit from well managed outdoor recreation choices, but we must protect and preserve these areas, and our residents from the negative effects of overuse and inappropriate use. These needs require other considerations ... for example housing for non-resident visitors ... convert too many residences to Airbnb's and you no longer have a residential neighborhood, plop down a few domes for transient guests in a neighborhood, without discovering and addressing the concerns of the current residents and you have a bunch of angry people. . So it's important to the quality of life of county residents that these sorts of impacts be managed with attention paid to the concerns of the current residents.

Anonymous

12/08/2022 05:50 AM

I feel as though this is the same explanation as the last question.

Anonymous

Stop catering to people that don't live here me make the town and

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12/08/2022 05:56 AM

county livable again

Anonymous

12/08/2022 07:45 AM

Jefferson county is a good example for keeping open space

Anonymous

12/08/2022 11:16 AM

ATV's make it so easy to trash out virgin terrain. They should be banned. To enjoy the mountains should be done on foot.

Anonymous

12/08/2022 01:24 PM

Love having a way to get to trails without having to use a vehicle

Anonymous

12/08/2022 02:22 PM

Deter them from coming in, more money more problems, more rules, more laws, more anger. More greed.

Anonymous

12/08/2022 02:43 PM

no thoughts

Anonymous

12/08/2022 03:23 PM

Fix BLT trail.

Anonymous

12/08/2022 07:05 PM

Making CO 103 safer for ALL users. Previous signage about cyclists riding single-file has been removed; cars should respect cyclists, but cyclists must respect the road and state rules, too.

Anonymous

12/09/2022 03:16 AM

Parking is usually the big problem at trail heads.

Anonymous

12/09/2022 06:54 AM

To keep frustration down on paths no electronic bikes should be allowed for everyone's safety. I can't imagine hitting a person or deer on any path being good. Otherwise our paths are very nice to walk and hike. Joining existing paths and keeping them up would be a nice way to improve quality of life, provided that the noise impact is decreased from the highway.

Anonymous

12/09/2022 07:08 AM

Connecting hwy 103 with town (sidewalk), connecting greenway to clear creek canyon and Georgetown, having an indoor activity for winter /dome

Anonymous

12/09/2022 07:43 AM

Need a fee and managed large dog park. Lots of income. Ice skating rink, hold hockey tournaments. cross country skiing trails. All things

city folk will pay for.

Anonymous

12/09/2022 10:44 AM

If well maintained trails are available, people will be less likely to go off trail and negatively impact the environment.

Anonymous

12/09/2022 10:48 AM

Have no problem with the expansion of the trail system - how to pay for it is the question.

Anonymous

12/09/2022 03:44 PM

We all need to work harder at reducing human activities and carbon footprint

Anonymous

12/09/2022 03:59 PM

Steer visitors toward a limited number of trails and then actually enforce regulations.

Anonymous

12/10/2022 06:05 AM

More parking, better management of illegal gun use and campfire.

Anonymous

12/10/2022 08:33 AM

For more rural areas: Our trails are recognizably less developed than other nearby counties and that's what I actually like about them. Locals are still able to find a few spots of peace and quiet where drunk or unprepared tourists cannot find thanks to the lack of signage, yet published maps make it very obvious to those who actually do their research and recreate responsibly. My top concern is what kind of people will be using the greenway once it's completed. Everyone welcomes more business and bikers/hikers of course-but not so much the people who use it to camp out of site for a place to squat and do their drugs undisturbed (which seems to be happening across the river from MAD Adventures on the south side of 70 but north side of the river.) And the only suggestion I can think of after typing all this is to add more signage for public restrooms. People regularly stop their cars to pee or poop in the field next to the dumont school house or at the electrical junction box near self sponsored when the weekend traffic gets bad, they just don't realize the Sinclair with bathrooms is less than half a mile away-it's hidden behind the mountain ridge when you get off the 235 exit. It's all kinds of crowds-mostly families with small children, but also a fair amount of single guys and couples. Thankfully single females seem to prefer to use the gas station-so thank you to them!

Anonymous

12/10/2022 10:28 AM

Again, would have chosen more but these were my top 3.

Anonymous

12/11/2022 12:57 AM

Look at the first four items in the list above. These are all ways to deny or limit the use of rec. opportunities. There seems to be a movement away from being able to use recreational opportunities and more toward closing opportunities. Our slogan in Colorado should be - "Colorado, the land of recreational opportunities. We don't want you to use them, but we have them. Look at these beautiful opportunities only on a computer screen." Some natural resource conservationalists will only be happy when no one is able to access any of our natural resources. I get the part about irresponsible visitors to our county. Expand enforcement efforts - a bunch

Anonymous

12/11/2022 07:21 AM

More trails connecting towns and neighborhoods

Anonymous

12/11/2022 08:23 AM

A sledding hill would be a great add for winter activities.

Anonymous

12/11/2022 12:12 PM

I do wonder about the amount of transients in the summer months

Anonymous

12/11/2022 01:41 PM

Signage will come, ask for donations, create fund raisers people will volunteer for trail work, there are ways to achieve these. You're on the right track,

Anonymous

12/11/2022 03:33 PM

Not everyone recreates on foot! Again you are limiting use

Anonymous

12/12/2022 08:32 AM

A big concern for "locals" is parking to access some of the recreational areas. There are county roads for example that are illegally being used for OHV's and it's dangerous and annoying to the locals. Seems signage isn't BIG ENOUGH.

Anonymous

12/12/2022 10:56 AM

We don't need more trails, we need to help other resources such as Project Support to maintain that service for the county.

Anonymous

12/13/2022 10:46 AM

I just love it that we have so many varried and interesting hiking trails at all levels, and hope they continue to be well maintained.

Anonymous

12/13/2022 01:57 PM

My road is a road to my home, not a bathroom for tourists. Could you imagine me rolling up to highlands ranch and peeing on the sidewalk? Or digging up some grass ? Why do we allow the exit at Fall River



Road be used as a bathroom????

Anonymous

12/14/2022 11:11 AM

Don't limit access. Don't pave trails.

Anonymous

12/14/2022 12:14 PM

For motorized trails and joint use areas, look to applying for an OHV Grant from CPW to enhance and improve motorized recreation while eliminating user group conflicts thru education.

Anonymous

12/14/2022 12:50 PM

More recreational opportunities are needed, not less. The existing situation has been caused by an over-emphasis on conservation and route closures which has limited recreational opportunities leading to overcrowding of existing trails. That policy needs to be reversed and a new emphasis placed on increased recreational opportunities and connections between trail networks.

Anonymous

12/14/2022 01:02 PM

As stayed earlier more trails are needed of all types, motorized and non-motorized

Anonymous

12/14/2022 01:30 PM

Law enforcement!

Anonymous

12/14/2022 07:05 PM

No more easy access. keep it wild

Anonymous

12/16/2022 01:44 PM

Expansion is ruining our quality of life for the residents of Clear Creek County. This is not an amusement park.

Anonymous

12/17/2022 12:38 AM

Really pristine and fragile areas should be protected (such as high tundra), but otherwise recreation should be enhanced for everyday people. Cross County Skiing, snowshoeing, hiking, trail running, etc.... I'm not terribly worried about expanding opportunities for expensive equipment like side-by-sides, OHVs, and motorcycles--they've got plenty now, it should just be better maintained.

Anonymous

12/17/2022 09:02 AM

It is time to Protect CCC Natural Resources over allowing others to abuse them!

Anonymous

12/17/2022 05:45 PM

Prohibit hybrid bicycles with motors on trails. They're loud, dangerous, and are inconsiderate on quite nice trails.

Anonymous

12/18/2022 11:21 AM

Good selection of topics here. All have merit. These are tough tough issues. They were tough 25 years ago when I moved to CC. GOOD LUCK and stop shooting people.

Anonymous

12/18/2022 05:41 PM

General increase in support.

Anonymous

12/18/2022 08:47 PM

We have had near accidents multiple times with unsafe UTV drivers traveling to/from recreation areas through areas with residences. Too fast on narrow roads with blind corners. People firing weapons all hours of day and night with little to no regard for residences in the area or what is down range. Signage to make recreational users aware of what areas are access to recreation areas as opposed to the actual rec areas. Drivers degrade roads to near impassable conditions GeForce residents, forcing homeowners to spend their own money to maintain roads, only to be repeatedly degraded by UTVs.

Anonymous

12/20/2022 05:56 PM

So many areas where recreational trail systems cross private lands with no trespassing signs.

Anonymous

12/21/2022 04:39 AM

Conservation is key

Anonymous

12/21/2022 07:15 AM

Specific to trail head and access improvements, make it easy to park without impacting local residents.

Anonymous

12/23/2022 05:35 PM

Providing for residents does not mean the information going to the public.

Anonymous

12/27/2022 12:56 PM

See previous answers. I think that, with cooperation from landowners and USFS, there is the opportunity for more trails throughout the county, and to connect them. I do think there is opportunity to increase xc ski possibilities that are currently under developed as well.

Anonymous

1/03/2023 05:59 PM

All said in above

Anonymous

1/03/2023 08:12 PM

I live in an area of Clear Creek where I don't use any of its recreation. I don't even know of any besides the elementary school playground and the rec center in Idaho Springs.

Anonymous

1/04/2023 12:29 AM

I believe tying our trails together, helping with the flow of users, and allowing for ease of multiple users and residents will make the recreational aspects a lot more enjoyable.

Anonymous

1/04/2023 07:08 AM

Please see prior comments.

Anonymous

1/04/2023 09:47 AM

Inducing an honorable and respectful use agreement for those who use

Anonymous

1/04/2023 10:08 AM

Improving the condition of existing trails and recreational amenities for quality and safety, for example through making existing popular trails and amenities more durable

Anonymous

1/04/2023 10:55 AM

We need better parking controls

Anonymous

1/04/2023 04:22 PM

Providing better connections between existing trails would be great!

Anonymous

1/04/2023 07:42 PM

See what i mean... Most of these options are to limit access. It isn't your job to destroy recreation. Your job is to provide opportunity and manage recreation... It seems you don't understand this

Anonymous

1/07/2023 05:28 AM

Question needs recorded. To "what should be...." as it reads now we are being asked if we know what the county's priorities are

Anonymous

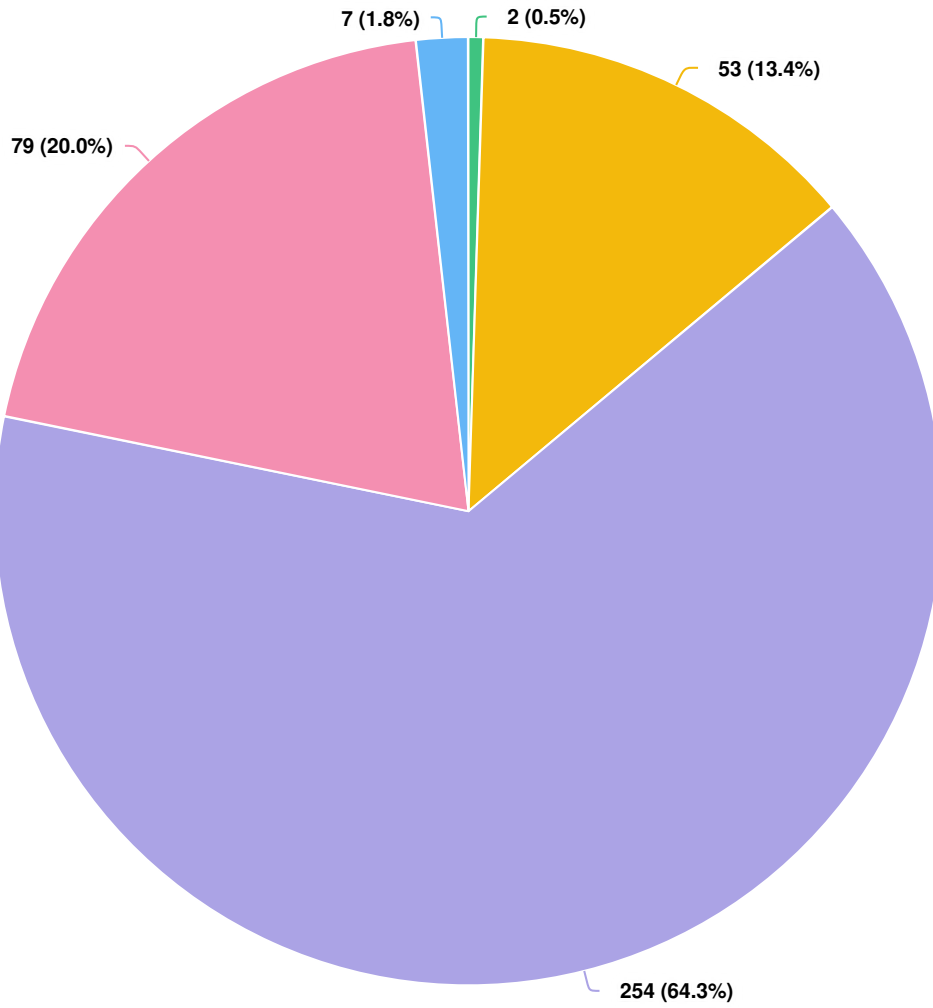
1/08/2023 12:41 PM

If I could of checked everyone of the statements I would have

**Optional question** (95 response(s), 305 skipped)

**Question type:** Essay Question

**Q10** What is your age? (optional)

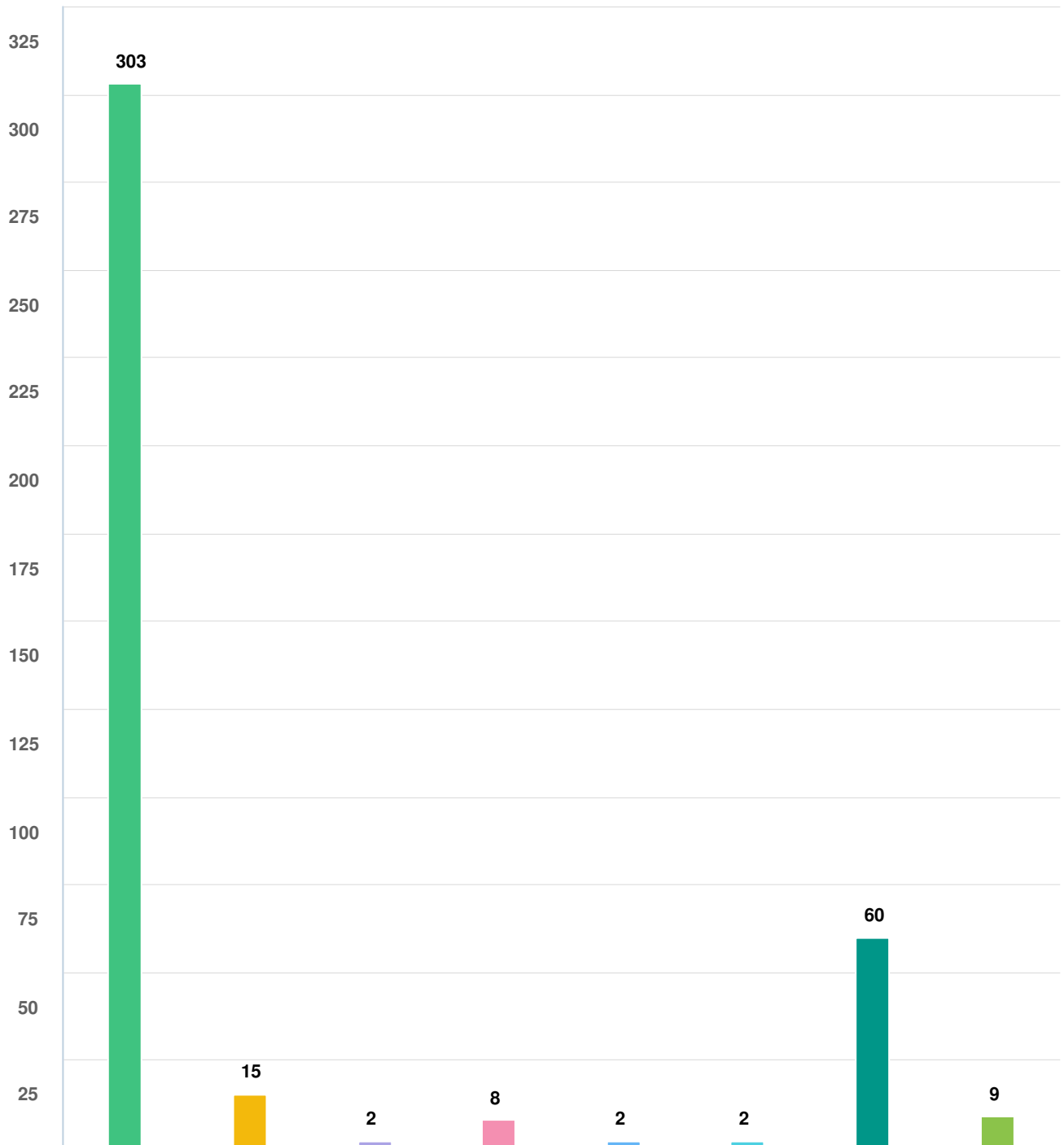


**Question options**

- Under 18
- 19-35
- 36-64
- 65-79
- 80+

Optional question (395 response(s), 5 skipped)  
Question type: Radio Button Question

**Q11 How would you describe your racial or ethnic background? (optional) (Please check all that apply.)**



**Question options**

- White
- Hispanic/Latinx
- Black or African American
- American Indian or Native Alaskan
- Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
- Asian American
- Prefer not to say
- Other (please specify)

Optional question (386 response(s), 14 skipped)  
Question type: Checkbox Question